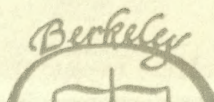
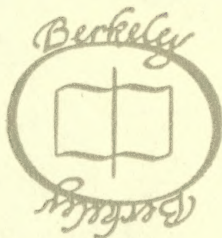
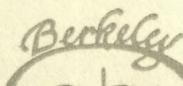
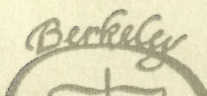
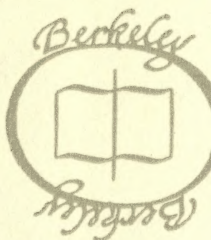
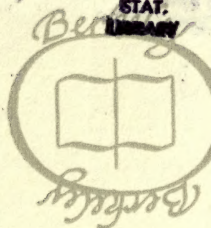




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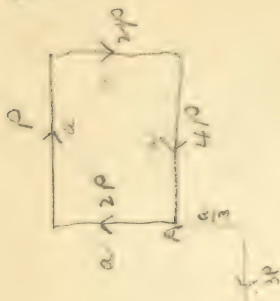
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I have tried to make the book complete as far as it goes; it is suggested, however, that the student should, on the first reading of the subject, omit everything marked with an asterisk.

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# STATICS.

## CHAPTER I.

### INTRODUCTION.

**1. A Body** is a portion of matter limited in every direction.

**2. Force** is anything which changes, or tends to change, the state of rest, or uniform motion, of a body.

**3. Rest.** A body is said to be at rest when it does not change its position with respect to surrounding objects.

**4. Statics** is the science which treats of the action of forces on bodies, the forces being so arranged that the bodies are at rest.

The science which treats of the action of force on bodies in motion is called **Dynamics**.

In the more modern system of nomenclature which is gradually gaining general acceptance, the science which treats of the action of force on bodies is called Dynamics, and it has two subdivisions, Statics and Kinetics, treating of the action of forces on bodies which are at rest and in motion respectively.

**5. A Particle** is a portion of matter which is indefinitely small in size.

**6. A Rigid Body** is a body whose parts always preserve an invariable position with respect to one another.



In nature no body is perfectly rigid. Every body yields, perhaps only very slightly, if force be applied to it. If a rod, made of wood, have one end firmly fixed and the other end be pulled, the wood stretches slightly; if the rod be made of iron the deformation is very much less.

To simplify our enquiry we shall assume that all the bodies with which we have to deal are perfectly rigid.

**7. Equal Forces.** Two forces are said to be equal when, if they act on a particle in opposite directions, the particle remains at rest.

**8. Mass.** The mass of a body is the quantity of matter in the body. The unit of mass used in England is a pound and is defined to be the mass of a certain piece of platinum kept in the Exchequer Office.

Hence the mass of a body is two, three, four... lbs., when it contains two, three, four... times as much matter as the standard lump of platinum.

**9. Weight.** The idea of weight is one with which everyone is familiar. We all know that a certain amount of exertion is required to prevent any body from falling to the ground. The earth attracts every body to itself with a force which, as we shall see in Dynamics, is proportional to the mass of the body.

The force with which the earth attracts any body to itself is called the weight of the body.

**10. Measurement of Force.** We shall choose, as our unit of force in Statics, the weight of one pound. The unit of force is therefore equal to the force which would just support a mass of one pound when hanging freely.

We shall find in Dynamics that the weight of one pound is not quite the same at different points of the earth's surface.

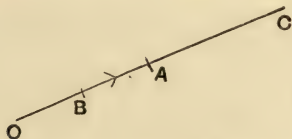
In Statics, however, we shall not have to compare forces at different points of the earth's surface so that this variation in the weight of a pound is of no practical importance; we shall therefore neglect this variation and assume the weight of a pound to be constant.

**11.** In practice the expression "weight of one pound" is, in Statics, often shortened into "one pound." The student will therefore understand that "a force of 10 lbs." means "a force equal to the weight of 10 lbs."

**12.** *Forces represented by straight lines.* A force will be completely known when we know (i) its magnitude, (ii) its direction, and (iii) its point of application, *i.e.* the point of the body at which the force acts.

Hence we can conveniently represent a force by a straight line drawn through its point of application; for a straight line has both magnitude and direction.

Thus suppose a straight line  $OA$  represents a force, equal to 10 lbs. weight, acting at a point  $O$ . A force of



5 lbs. weight acting in the same direction would be represented by  $OB$ , where  $B$  bisects the distance  $OA$ , whilst a force, equal to 20 lbs. weight, would be represented by  $OC$ , where  $OA$  is produced till  $AC$  equals  $OA$ .

An arrowhead is often used to denote the direction in which a force acts.

**13.** *Subdivisions of Force.* There are three different forms under which a force may appear when applied to a

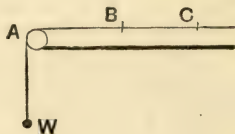
mass, viz. as (i) an attraction, (ii) a tension, and (iii) a reaction.

**14. Attraction.** An attraction is a force exerted by one body on another without the intervention of any visible instrument and without the bodies being necessarily in contact. The only example we shall have in this book is the attraction which the earth has for every body; this attraction is (Art. 9) called its weight.

**15. Tension.** If we tie one end of a string to any point of a body and pull at the other end of the string, we exert a force on the body; such a force, exerted by means of a string or rod, is called a **tension**.

If the string be light [*i.e.* one whose weight is so small that it may be neglected] the force exerted by the string is the same throughout its length.

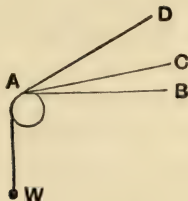
For example, if a weight  $W$  be supported by means of a light string passing over the edge of a table it is found



that the same force must be applied to the string whatever be the point,  $A$ ,  $B$ , or  $C$  of the string at which the force is applied.

Now the force at  $A$  required to support the weight is the same in each case; hence it is clear that the effect at  $A$  is the same whatever be the point of the string to which the tension is applied and that the tension of the string is therefore the same throughout its length.

Again, if the weight  $W$  be supported by a light string passing round a smooth peg  $A$ , it is found that the same force must be exerted at the other end of the string whatever be the direction ( $AB$ ,  $AC$ , or  $AD$ ) in which the string is pulled and that this force is equal to the weight  $W$ .



Hence *the tension of a light string passing round a smooth peg is the same throughout its length.*

If two or more strings be knotted together the tensions are not necessarily the same in each string.

The student must carefully notice that the tension of a string is not proportional to its length. It is a common error to suppose that the longer a string the greater is its tension; it is true that we can often apply our force more advantageously if we use a longer piece of string, and hence a beginner often assumes that, other things being equal, the longer string has the greater tension.

**16. Reaction.** If one body lean, or be pressed, against another body, each body experiences a force at the point of contact; such a force is called a reaction.

The force, or action, that one body exerts on a second body is equal and opposite to the force, or reaction, that the second body exerts on the first.

This statement will be found to be included in Newton's Third Law of Motion [Part II., Art. 73].

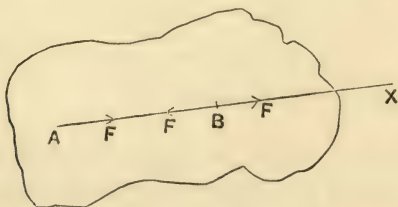
*Example.* If a ladder lean against a wall the force exerted by the end of the ladder upon the wall is equal and opposite to that exerted by the wall upon the end of the ladder.

**17. Equilibrium.** When two or more forces act upon a body and are so arranged that the body remains at rest, the forces are said to be in equilibrium.

**18. Introduction, or removal, of equal and opposite forces.** We shall assume that if at any point of a rigid body we apply two equal and opposite forces, they will have no effect on the equilibrium of the body; similarly, that if at any point of a body two equal and opposite forces are acting they may be removed.

**19. Principle of the Transmissibility of Force.** *If a force act at any point of a rigid body, it may be considered to act at any other point in its line of action provided that this latter point be rigidly connected with the body.*

Let a force  $F$  act at a point  $A$  of a body in a direction  $AX$ . Take any point  $B$  in  $AX$  and at  $B$  introduce two



equal and opposite forces, each equal to  $F$ , acting in the directions  $BA$  and  $BX$ ; these will have no effect on the equilibrium of the body.

The forces  $F$  acting at  $A$  in the direction  $AB$ , and  $F$  at  $B$  in the direction  $BA$  are equal and opposite; we shall



assume that they neutralise one another and hence that they may be removed.

We have thus left the force  $F$  at  $B$  acting in the direction  $BX$  and its effect is the same as that of the original force  $F$  at  $A$ .

The internal forces in the above body would be different according as the force  $F$  is supposed applied at  $A$  or  $B$ ; of the internal forces, however, we do not treat in the present book.

**20. Smooth bodies.** If we place a piece of smooth polished wood, having a plane face, upon a table whose top is made as smooth as possible we shall find that, if we attempt to move the block along the surface of the table, some resistance is experienced. There is always some force, however small, between the wood and the surface of the table.

If the bodies were perfectly smooth there would be no force, parallel to the surface of the table, between the block and the table; the only force between them would be perpendicular to the table.

**Def.** When two bodies, which are in contact, are perfectly smooth the force, or reaction, between them is perpendicular to their common surface at the point of contact.

## CHAPTER II.

### COMPOSITION AND RESOLUTION OF FORCES.

**21.** Suppose a flat piece of wood is resting on a smooth table and that it is pulled by means of three strings attached to three of its corners, the forces exerted by the strings being horizontal; if the tensions of the strings be so adjusted that the wood remains at rest it follows that the three forces are in equilibrium.

Hence two of the forces must together exert a force equal and opposite to the third. This force, equal and opposite to the third, is called the resultant of the first two.

**22. Resultant. Def.** *If two or more forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $S$ ... act upon a rigid body and if a single force,  $R$ , can be found whose effect upon the body is the same as that of the forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $S$ ... this single force  $R$  is called the resultant of the other forces and the forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $S$ ... are called the components of  $R$ .*

It follows from the definition that if a force be applied to the body equal and opposite to the force  $R$ , then the forces acting on the body will balance and the body be in equilibrium; conversely, if the forces acting on a body balance then either of them is equal and opposite to the resultant of the others.

**23. Resultant of forces acting in the same straight line.**

If two forces act on a body in the same direction their resultant is clearly equal to their sum; thus two forces acting in the same direction, equal to 5 and 7 lbs. weight respectively, are equivalent to a force of 12 lbs. weight acting in the same direction as the two forces.

If two forces act on a body in opposite directions their resultant is equal to their difference and acts in the direction of the greater; thus two forces acting in opposite directions and equal to 9 and 4 lbs. weight respectively are equivalent to a force of 5 lbs. weight acting in the direction of the first of the two forces.

**24.** When two forces act at a point of a rigid body in different directions their resultant may be obtained by means of the following

**Theorem. Parallelogram of Forces.** *If two forces, acting at a point, be represented in magnitude and direction by the two sides of a parallelogram drawn from one of its angular points, their resultant is represented both in magnitude and direction by the diagonal of the parallelogram passing through that angular point.*

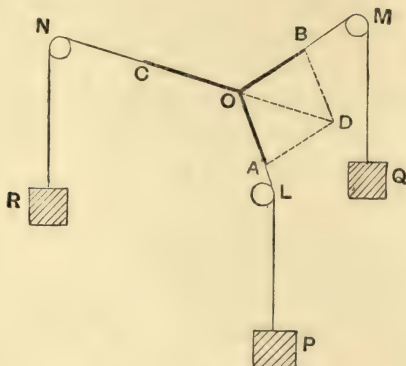
In the following article we shall give an experimental proof; the formal proof will be found in Art. 43.

In Art. 73 of Part II. of this book will be found a proof founded on Newton's Laws of Motion.

**25. Experimental proof.**

Let  $L$ ,  $M$  and  $N$  be three small smooth pegs over which pass light strings supporting masses  $P$  lbs.,  $Q$  lbs., and  $R$  lbs. respectively. Let one end of each of these strings be tied together at a point  $O$ ; then [unless two of the weights are together less than the third] the system will take up some such position as that in the figure. The tension of the

string  $OL$  is unaltered by passing round the smooth peg  $L$  and is therefore equal to the weight of  $P$  lbs.; so the tensions in the strings  $OM$  and  $ON$  are respectively equal to the weights of  $Q$  and  $R$  lbs.



Hence the point  $O$  is in equilibrium under the action of forces which are equal respectively to the weights of  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  lbs.

Along  $OL$ ,  $OM$  and  $ON$  measure off distances  $OA$ ,  $OB$  and  $OC$  proportional to  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  respectively and complete the parallelogram  $OADB$ .

Then it will be found that  $OD$  is exactly equal in magnitude, and opposite in direction, to  $OC$ .

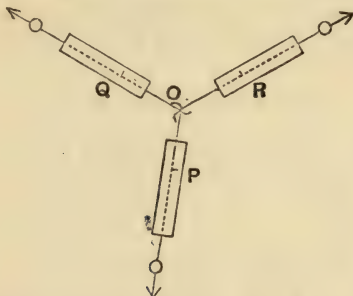
But the effect of the forces  $OA$  and  $OB$  is equal and opposite to that of  $OC$ . Hence the effect of the force  $OD$  is exactly the same as that of forces  $OA$  and  $OB$ .

This will be found to be true whatever be the relative magnitudes of  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$ , provided only that one of them is not greater than the sum of the other two.

## COMPOSITION AND RESOLUTION OF FORCES. 11

Hence we conclude that the theorem enunciated is always true.

The strings and pegs of the above experiment may be advantageously replaced by three Salter's Spring Balances furnished with hooks at their ends as in the annexed figure.



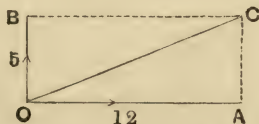
Each of these Balances shows, by a pointer which travels up and down a graduated face, what force is applied to the hook at its end.

The three hooks are fastened together and forces are applied to the rings at the other ends of the instruments and they are allowed to take up their position of equilibrium. The forces, which the pointers denote, replace the tensions of the strings in the preceding experiment and the rest of the construction follows as before.

**26.** To find the direction and magnitude of the resultant of two forces, we have to find the direction and magnitude of the diagonal of a parallelogram of which the two sides represent the forces.

**Ex. 1.** Find the resultant of forces equal to 12 and 5 lbs. weight respectively acting at right angles.

Let  $OA$  and  $OB$  represent the forces so that  $OA$  is 12 units of length and  $OB$  is 5 units of length; complete the rectangle  $OACB$ .



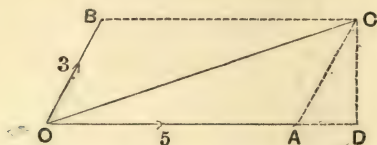


Then  $OC^2 = OA^2 + AC^2 = 12^2 + 5^2 = 169$ .  $\therefore OC = 13$ .

Also  $\tan COA = \frac{AC}{OA} = \frac{5}{12}$ .

Hence the resultant is a force equal to 13 lbs. weight making with the first force an angle whose tangent is  $\frac{5}{12}$ , i.e. about  $22^\circ 37'$ .

**Ex. 2.** Find the resultant of forces equal to the weights of 5 and 3 lbs. respectively acting at an angle of  $60^\circ$ .



Let  $OA$  and  $OB$  represent the forces, so that  $OA$  is 5 units and  $OB$  3 units of length; also let the angle  $AOB$  be  $60^\circ$ .

Complete the parallelogram  $OACB$  and draw  $CD$  perpendicular to  $OA$ . Then  $OC$  represents the required resultant.

Now  $AD = AC \cos CAD = 3 \cos 60^\circ = \frac{3}{2}$ ;  $\therefore OD = \frac{13}{2}$ .

Also  $DC = AC \sin 60^\circ = 3 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

$\therefore OC = \sqrt{OD^2 + DC^2} = \sqrt{\frac{169}{4} + \frac{27}{4}} = \sqrt{49} = 7$ ,

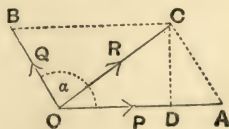
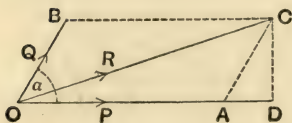
and

$\tan COD = \frac{DC}{OD} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{13}$ .

Hence the resultant is a force equal to 7 lbs. weight in a direction making with  $OD$  an angle whose tangent is  $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{13}$ , i.e. about  $21^\circ 47'$ .

**27.** The resultant,  $R$ , of two forces  $P$  and  $Q$  acting at an angle  $\alpha$  may be easily obtained by Trigonometry.

For let  $OA$  and  $OB$  represent the forces  $P$  and  $Q$  acting



at an angle  $\alpha$ . Complete the parallelogram  $OACB$  and draw  $CD$  perpendicular to  $OA$ , produced if necessary.

Let  $R$  denote the magnitude of the resultant.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then } OD &= OA + AD = OA + AC \cos DAC \\ &= P + Q \cos BOD = P + Q \cos \alpha.\end{aligned}$$

[If  $D$  fall between  $O$  and  $A$ , as in the second figure, we have  
 $OD = OA - DA = OA - AC \cos DAC = P - Q \cos (180^\circ - \alpha) = P + Q \cos \alpha.$ ]

Also  $DC = AC \sin DAC = Q \sin \alpha.$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore R^2 &= OC^2 = OD^2 + CD^2 = (P + Q \cos \alpha)^2 + (Q \sin \alpha)^2 \\ &= P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \alpha.\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \alpha} \dots\dots\dots (i).$$

Also  $\tan COD = \frac{DC}{OD} = \frac{Q \sin \alpha}{P + Q \cos \alpha} \dots\dots\dots (ii).$

These two equations give the required magnitude and direction of the resultant.

**Cor. 1.** If the forces be at right angles, we have  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ ,  
 so that  $R = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2}$ , and  $\tan COA = \frac{Q}{P}$ .

**Cor. 2.** If the forces be each equal to  $P$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}R &= \sqrt{P^2 (1 + 1 + 2 \cos \alpha)} = P \sqrt{2 (1 + \cos \alpha)} \\ &= P \sqrt{2 \cdot 2 \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}} = 2P \cos \frac{\alpha}{2},\end{aligned}$$

and  $\tan COA = \frac{P \sin \alpha}{P + P \cos \alpha}$

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{2 \sin \frac{\alpha}{2} \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}}{2 \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}} = \tan \frac{\alpha}{2},\end{aligned}$$

so that the resultant of two equal forces bisects the angle between them.

### EXAMPLES. I.

1. In the following seven examples  $P$  and  $Q$  denote two component forces acting at an angle  $\alpha$  and  $R$  denotes their resultant.

- (i). If  $P=24$ ;  $Q=7$ ;  $\alpha=90^\circ$ ; find  $R$ .
- (ii). If  $P=13$ ;  $R=14$ ;  $\alpha=90^\circ$ ; find  $Q$ .
- (iii). If  $P=7$ ;  $Q=8$ ;  $\alpha=60^\circ$ ; find  $R$ .
- (iv). If  $P=5$ ;  $Q=9$ ;  $\alpha=120^\circ$ ; find  $R$ .
- (v). If  $P=3$ ;  $Q=5$ ;  $R=7$ ; find  $\alpha$ .
- (vi). If  $P=13$ ;  $Q=14$ ;  $\alpha=\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{3}$ ; find  $R$ .
- (vii). If  $P=5$ ;  $R=7$ ;  $\alpha=60^\circ$ ; find  $Q$ .

2. Find the greatest and least resultants of two forces whose magnitudes are 12 and 8 lbs. weight respectively.

3. Forces equal respectively to 3, 4, 5, and 6 lbs. weight act on a particle in directions respectively north, south, east, and west; find the direction and magnitude of their resultant.

4. Forces of 84 and 187 lbs. weight act at right angles; find their resultant.

5. Two forces whose magnitudes are  $P$  and  $P\sqrt{2}$  lbs. weight act on a particle in directions inclined at an angle of  $135^\circ$  to each other; find the magnitude and direction of the resultant.

6. Two forces acting at an angle of  $60^\circ$  have a resultant equal to  $2\sqrt{3}$  lbs. weight; if one of the forces be 2 lbs. weight, find the other force.

7. Find the resultant of two forces equal to the weights of 13 and 11 lbs. respectively acting at an angle whose tangent is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

8. Find the resultant of two forces equal to the weights of 10 and 9 lbs. respectively acting at an angle whose tangent is  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

9. Two equal forces act on a particle; find the angle between them when the square of their resultant is equal to three times their product.

10. Find the magnitude of two forces such that, if they act at right angles, their resultant is  $\sqrt{10}$  lbs. weight, whilst when they act at an angle of  $60^\circ$  their resultant is  $\sqrt{13}$  lbs. weight.

11. Find the angle between two equal forces  $P$  when their resultant is (1) equal to  $P$ , (2) equal to  $\frac{P}{2}$ .

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12. At what angle do forces, equal to  $(A+B)$  and  $(A-B)$ , act so that the resultant may be  $\sqrt{A^2+B^2}$ ?

13. Two given forces act on a particle; find in what direction a third force of given magnitude must act so that the resultant of the three may be as great as possible.

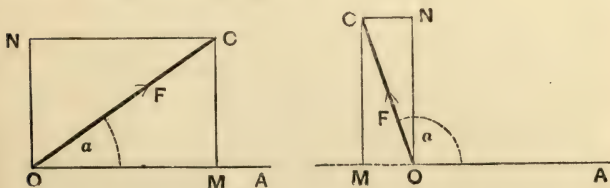
28. Two forces, given in magnitude and direction, have only one resultant; for only one parallelogram can be constructed having two lines  $OA$  and  $OB$  (Fig. Art. 27) as adjacent sides.

29. A force may be resolved into two components in an infinite number of ways; for an infinite number of parallelograms can be constructed having  $OC$  as a diagonal and each of these parallelograms would give a pair of such components.

30. The most important case of the resolution of forces occurs when we resolve a force into two components **at right angles** to one another.

Suppose we wish to resolve a force  $F$ , represented by  $OC$ , into two components, one of which is in the direction  $OA$  and the other is perpendicular to  $OA$ .

Draw  $CM$  perpendicular to  $OA$  and complete the parallelogram  $OMCN$ . The forces represented by  $OM$  and  $ON$  have as their resultant the force  $OC$ , so that  $OM$  and  $ON$  are the required components.



Let the angle  $AOC$  be  $\alpha$ .

Then  $OM = OC \cos \alpha = F \cos \alpha$ ,  
 and  $ON = MC = OC \sin \alpha = F \sin \alpha$ .

[If the point  $M$  lie in  $OA$  produced backwards, as in the second figure, the component of  $F$  in the direction  $OA$

$$= -OM = -OC \cos COM = OC \cos \alpha = F \cos \alpha.$$

Also the component perpendicular to  $OA$

$$= ON = MC = OC \sin COM = F \sin \alpha.]$$

Hence, in each case, the required components are

$$F \cos \alpha \text{ and } F \sin \alpha.$$

Thus a force equal to 10 lbs. weight acting at an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the horizontal is equivalent to  $10 \cos 60^\circ (= 10 \times \frac{1}{2} = 5$  lbs. weight) in a horizontal direction, and  $10 \sin 60^\circ (= 10 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 5 \times 1.732 = 8.66$  lbs. weight) in a vertical direction.

**31. Def.** The Resolved Part of a given force in a given direction is the component in the given direction which, with a component in a direction perpendicular to the given direction, is equivalent to the given force.

Thus in the previous article the resolved part of the force  $F$  in the direction  $OA$  is  $F \cos \alpha$ . Hence

*The Resolved Part of a given force in a given direction is obtained by multiplying the given force by the cosine of the angle between the given force and the given direction.*

**32.** A force cannot produce any effect in a direction perpendicular to its own line of action. For (Fig. Art. 30) there is no reason why the force  $ON$  should have any tendency to make a particle at  $O$  move in the direction  $OA$  rather than to make it move in the direction  $AO$  produced; hence the force  $ON$  cannot have any tendency to make the particle move in either the direction  $OA$  or  $AO$  produced.

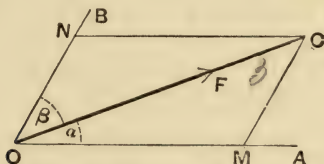
For example, if a railway carriage be standing at rest on a railway line it cannot be made to move along the rails by any force which is acting horizontally and in a direction perpendicular to the rails.



**33.** The resolved part of a given force in a given direction represents the *whole effect* of the force in the given direction. For (Fig. Art. 30) the force  $OC$  is completely represented by the forces  $ON$  and  $OM$ . But the force  $ON$  has no effect in the direction  $OA$ . Hence the whole effect of the force  $F$  in the direction  $OA$  is represented by  $OM$ , i.e. by the resolved part of the force in the direction  $OA$ .

**34.** A force may be resolved into two components in any two assigned directions.

Let the components of a force  $F$ , represented by  $OC$ , in



the directions  $OA$  and  $OB$  be required and let the angles  $AOC$  and  $COB$  be  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively.

Draw  $CM$  parallel to  $OB$  to meet  $OA$  in  $M$  and complete the parallelogram  $OMCN$ .

Then  $OM$  and  $ON$  are the required components.

Since  $MC$  and  $ON$  are parallel, we have

$$\angle OCM = \beta; \text{ also } \angle OMC = 180^\circ - \angle CMA = 180^\circ - (\alpha + \beta).$$

Since the sides of the triangle  $OMC$  are proportional to the sines of the opposite angles, we have

$$\frac{OM}{\sin \angle OCM} = \frac{MC}{\sin \angle MOC} = \frac{OC}{\sin \angle OMC}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{OM}{\sin \beta} = \frac{MC}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{F}{\sin (\alpha + \beta)}.$$

Hence the required components are

$$F \frac{\sin \beta}{\sin (\alpha + \beta)} \text{ and } F \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin (\alpha + \beta)}.$$

**35.** The student must carefully notice that the components of a force in two assigned directions are not the same as the resolved parts of the forces in these directions. For example, the resolved part of  $F$  in the direction  $OA$  is, by Art. 30,  $F \cos \alpha$ .

## EXAMPLES. II.

1. A force equal to 10 lbs. weight is inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal; find its resolved parts in a horizontal and vertical direction respectively.

2. Find the resolved part of a force  $P$  in a direction making (1) an angle of  $45^\circ$ , (2) an angle equal to  $\cos^{-1}(\frac{1}{3})$  with its direction.

3. A truck is at rest on a railway line and is pulled by a horizontal force equal to the weight of 100 lbs. in a direction making an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the direction of the rails; what is the force tending to urge the truck forwards?

4. Resolve a force of 100 lbs. weight into two equal forces acting at an angle of  $60^\circ$ .

5. Resolve a force of 50 lbs. weight into two forces making angles of  $60^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  with it on opposite sides.

6. Find the components of a force  $P$  along two directions making angles of  $30^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  with  $P$  on opposite sides.

7. If a force  $P$  be resolved into two forces making angles of  $45^\circ$  and  $15^\circ$  with its direction, shew that the latter force is  $P\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$ .

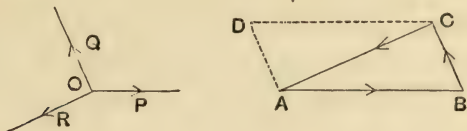
8. Find a horizontal force and a force inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the vertical whose resultant shall be a given vertical force  $F$ .

9. If a force be resolved into two component forces and if one component be at right angles to the force and equal to it in magnitude, find the direction and magnitude of the other component.

10. A force equal to the weight of 20 lbs. acting vertically upwards is resolved into two forces, one being horizontal and equal to the weight of 10 lbs.; what is the magnitude and direction of the other force?

**36. Triangle of Forces.** *If three forces, acting at a point, be represented in magnitude and direction by the sides of a triangle, taken in order, they will be in equilibrium.*

Let the forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  acting at the point  $O$  be represented in magnitude and direction by the sides  $AB$ ,



$BC$ , and  $CA$  of the triangle  $ABC$ ; they shall be in equilibrium.

Complete the parallelogram  $ABCD$ .

The forces represented by  $BC$  and  $AD$  are the same, since  $BC$  and  $AD$  are equal and parallel.

Now the resultant of the forces  $AB$  and  $AD$ , is, by the parallelogram of forces, represented by  $AC$ .

Hence the resultant of  $AB$ ,  $BC$  and  $CA$  is equal to the resultant of forces  $AC$  and  $CA$ , and is therefore zero.

Hence the three forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  are in equilibrium.

**Cor.** Since forces represented by  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $CA$  are in equilibrium, and since, when three forces are in equilibrium, each is equal and opposite to the resultant of the other two, it follows that the resultant of  $AB$  and  $BC$  is equal and opposite to  $CA$ , *i.e.* their resultant is represented by  $AC$ .

Hence the resultant of two forces, acting at a point and represented by the sides  $AB$  and  $BC$  of a triangle, is represented by the third side  $AC$ .

**37.** In the Triangle of Forces the student must carefully note that the forces must be parallel to the sides of a triangle *taken in order*, *i.e. taken the same way round*.

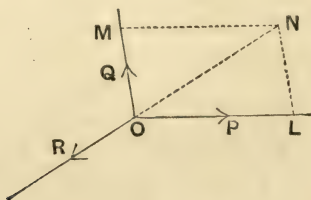
For example, if the first force act in the direction  $AB$ ,

the second must act in the direction  $BC$ , and the third in the direction  $CA$ ; if the second force were in the direction  $CB$ , instead of  $BC$ , the forces would not be in equilibrium.

The three forces must also act *at a point*; if the lines of action of the forces were  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$  they would not be in equilibrium; for the forces  $AB$  and  $BC$  would have a resultant, acting at  $B$ , equal and parallel to  $AC$ . The system of forces would then reduce to two equal and parallel forces acting in opposite directions, and, as we shall see in a later chapter, such a pair of forces could not be in equilibrium.

**38.** The converse of the Triangle of Forces is also true, viz. that *If three forces acting at a point be in equilibrium they can be represented in magnitude and direction by the sides of any triangle which is drawn so as to have its sides respectively parallel to the directions of the forces.*

Let the three forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$ , acting at a point  $O$ , be in equilibrium. Measure off lengths  $OL$  and  $OM$  along the directions of  $P$  and  $Q$  to represent these forces respectively.



Complete the parallelogram  $OLNM$  and join  $ON$ .

Since the three forces  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are in equilibrium, each must be equal and opposite to the resultant of the other two. Hence  $R$  must be equal and opposite to the

resultant of  $P$  and  $Q$ , and must therefore be represented by  $NO$ . Also  $LN$  is equal and parallel to  $OM$ .

Hence the three forces  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are parallel and proportional to the sides  $OL$ ,  $LN$  and  $NO$  of the triangle  $OLN$ .

Any other triangle, whose sides are parallel to those of the triangle  $OLN$ , will have its sides proportional to those of  $OLN$  and therefore proportional to the forces.

Again any triangle, whose sides are respectively perpendicular to those of the triangle  $OLN$ , will have its sides proportional to the sides of  $OLN$  and therefore proportional to the forces.

**39.** The proposition of the last article gives an easy method of determining the relative directions of three forces which are in equilibrium and whose magnitudes are known. We have to construct a triangle whose sides are proportional to the forces, and this, by Euc. 1. 22, can always be done unless two of the forces added together are less than the third.

**40. Lami's Theorem.** *If three forces acting on a particle keep it in equilibrium, each is proportional to the sine of the angle between the other two.*

Taking Fig., Art. 38, let the forces  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  be in equilibrium. As before, measure off lengths  $OL$  and  $OM$  to represent the forces  $P$  and  $Q$ , and complete the parallelogram  $OLNM$ . Then  $NO$  represents  $R$ .

Since the sides of the triangle  $OLN$  are proportional to the sines of the opposite angles, we have

$$\frac{OL}{\sin LNO} = \frac{LN}{\sin LON} = \frac{NO}{\sin OLN}.$$

But

$$\sin LNO = \sin NOM = \sin (180^\circ - QOR) = \sin QOR,$$



$$\sin LON = \sin (180^\circ - LOR) = \sin ROP,$$

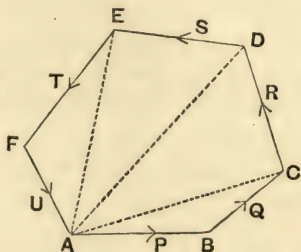
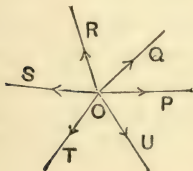
$$\text{and} \quad \sin OLN = \sin (180^\circ - POQ) = \sin POQ.$$

$$\text{Also} \quad LN = OM.$$

$$\text{Hence} \quad \frac{OL}{\sin QOR} = \frac{OM}{\sin ROP} = \frac{NO}{\sin POQ},$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad \frac{P}{\sin QOR} = \frac{Q}{\sin ROP} = \frac{R}{\sin POQ}.$$

**41. Polygon of Forces.** *If any number of forces, acting on a particle, be represented, in magnitude and direction, by the sides of a polygon, taken in order, the forces shall be in equilibrium.*



Let the sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ ,  $DE$ ,  $EF$  and  $FA$  of the polygon  $ABCDEF$  represent the forces acting on a particle  $O$ . Join  $AC$ ,  $AD$  and  $AE$ .

By the corollary to Art. 36, the resultant of forces  $AB$  and  $BC$  is represented by  $AC$ .

Similarly the resultant of forces  $AC$  and  $CD$  is represented by  $AD$ ; the resultant of forces  $AD$  and  $DE$  by  $AE$ ; and the resultant of forces  $AE$  and  $EF$  by  $AF$ .

Hence the resultant of all the forces is equal to the resultant of  $AF$  and  $FA$ , i.e. the resultant vanishes.

Hence the forces are in equilibrium.

A similar method of proof will apply whatever be the

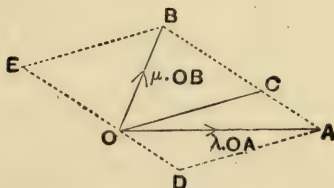
number of forces. It is also clear from the proof that the sides of the polygon need not be in the same plane.

The converse of the Polygon of Forces is not true; for the ratios of the sides of a polygon are not known when the directions of the sides are known. For example, in the above figure, we might take any point  $A'$  on  $AB$  and draw  $A'F'$  parallel to  $AF$  to meet  $EF$  in  $F'$ ; the new polygon  $A'BCDEF'$  has its sides respectively parallel to those of the polygon  $ABCDEF$  but the corresponding sides are clearly not proportional.

**42.** *The resultant of two forces, acting at a point  $O$  in directions  $OA$  and  $OB$  and represented in magnitude by  $\lambda \cdot OA$  and  $\mu \cdot OB$ , is represented by  $(\lambda + \mu) \cdot OC$ , where  $C$  is a point in  $AB$  such that  $\lambda \cdot CA = \mu \cdot CB$ .*

For let  $C$  divide the line  $AB$ , such that

$$\lambda \cdot CA = \mu \cdot CB.$$



Complete the parallelograms  $OCAD$  and  $OCBE$ .

By the parallelogram of forces the force  $\lambda \cdot OA$  is equivalent to forces represented by  $\lambda \cdot OC$  and  $\lambda \cdot OD$ .

Also the force  $\mu \cdot OB$  is equivalent to forces represented by  $\mu \cdot OC$  and  $\mu \cdot OE$ .

Hence the forces  $\lambda \cdot OA$  and  $\mu \cdot OB$  are together equivalent to a force  $(\lambda + \mu) \cdot OC$  together with forces  $\lambda \cdot OD$  and  $\mu \cdot OE$ .

But, (since  $\lambda \cdot OD = \lambda \cdot CA = \mu \cdot CB = \mu \cdot OE$ ) these two latter forces are equal and opposite and therefore are in equilibrium.

Hence the resultant is  $(\lambda + \mu) \cdot OC$ .

**Cor.** The resultant of forces represented by  $OA$  and  $OB$  is  $2OC$ , where  $C$  is the middle point of  $AB$ .

This is also clear from the fact that  $OC$  is half the diagonal  $OD$  of the parallelogram of which  $OA$  and  $OB$  are adjacent sides.

### EXAMPLES. III.

1. Three forces acting at a point are in equilibrium; if they make angles of  $120^\circ$  with one another, shew that they are equal.

If the angles are  $60^\circ$ ,  $150^\circ$ , and  $150^\circ$ , in what proportions are the forces?

2. Three forces acting on a particle are in equilibrium; the angle between the first and second is  $90^\circ$  and that between the second and third is  $120^\circ$ ; find the ratios of the forces.

3. Forces equal to  $7P$ ,  $5P$ , and  $8P$  acting on a particle are in equilibrium; find the angle between the latter pair of forces.

4. Forces equal to  $5P$ ,  $12P$ , and  $13P$  acting on a particle are in equilibrium; find the angles between their directions.

5. Construct geometrically the directions of two forces  $2P$  and  $3P$  which make equilibrium with a force of  $4P$  whose direction is given.

6. The sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  of a triangle  $ABC$  are bisected in  $D$  and  $E$ ; shew that the resultant of forces represented by  $BE$  and  $DC$  is represented in magnitude and direction by  $\frac{3}{2}BC$ .

7.  $P$  is a particle acted on by forces represented by  $\lambda \cdot AP$  and  $\lambda \cdot PB$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are two fixed points; shew that their resultant is constant in magnitude and direction wherever the point  $P$  may be.

8.  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram; a particle  $P$  is attracted towards  $A$  and  $C$  by forces which are proportional to  $PA$  and  $PC$  respectively and repelled from  $B$  and  $D$  by forces proportional to  $PB$  and  $PD$ ; shew that  $P$  is in equilibrium wherever it is situated.

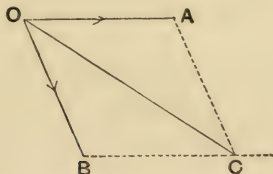
### \*43. Formal proof of the Parallelogram of Forces.

The proof is divided into two portions, (I) as regards the direction, (II) as regards the magnitude of the resultant.

## I. DIRECTION.

(a) **Equal Forces.**

Let the forces be equal and represented by  $OA$  and  $OB$ .



Complete the parallelogram  $OACB$ , and join  $OC$ . Then  $OC$  bisects the angle  $AOB$ .

Since the forces are equal, it is clear that the resultant must bisect the angle between them; for there is no reason to shew why the resultant should lie on one side of  $OC$  which would not equally hold to shew that the resultant should lie on the other side of  $OC$ . Hence, as far as regards direction, we may assume the truth of the theorem for equal forces.

(β) **Commensurable Forces.**

**Lemma.** *If the theorem be true, as far as regards direction, for a pair of forces  $P$  and  $Q$ , and also for a pair of forces  $P$  and  $R$  acting at the same angle, to shew that it is true for the pair of forces  $P$  and  $(Q + R)$ .*

Let the forces act at a point  $A$  of a rigid body, and let  $AB$  be the direction of  $P$ , and  $ACD$  that of  $Q$  and  $R$ .

Let  $AB$  and  $AC$  represent the forces  $P$  and  $Q$  in magnitude.

Since, by the principle of The Transmissibility of Force, the force  $R$  may be supposed to act at any point in





Again, by the lemma, since the theorem is true for forces  $(S, S)$  and  $(S, 2S)$  we see that it is true for forces  $(S, 3S)$ . Similarly for forces  $(S, 4S)$  and so on.

Continuing in this way we see that it is true for forces  $S$  and  $mS$ , where  $m$  is any positive integer.

Again, from the lemma, putting  $P$  equal to  $mS$ , and  $Q$  and  $R$  both equal to  $S$ , the theorem is true for forces  $mS$  and  $2S$ .

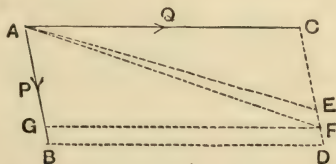
Again, putting  $P$  equal to  $mS$ ,  $Q$  to  $2S$ , and  $R$  to  $S$ , the theorem is true for forces  $mS$  and  $3S$ .

Proceeding in this way we see that the theorem is true for forces  $mS$  and  $nS$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers.

Also any two commensurable forces can be represented by  $mS$  and  $nS$ .

### (γ) Incommensurable Forces.

Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be incommensurable forces, and let  $AB$  and  $AC$  represent them.



Complete the parallelogram  $ABDC$ .

If the resultant of  $P$  and  $Q$  be not in the line  $AD$  let it act in the line  $AE$  meeting  $CD$  in  $E$ .

Divide  $AC$  into any number of equal parts  $x$ , each less than  $ED$ , and from  $CD$  cut off successively portions, each equal to  $x$ . The last point of subdivision  $F$  must fall between  $E$  and  $D$ , since  $x$  is less than  $ED$ .

Draw  $FG$  parallel to  $CA$  to meet  $AB$  in  $G$ , and join  $AF$ .

The lines  $AC$  and  $AG$  represent commensurable forces, and therefore their resultant is, by  $(\beta)$ , in the direction  $AF$ .

Hence the resultant of forces  $AC$  and  $AB$  must lie within the angle  $BAF$ . But this resultant acts in the direction  $AE$ , which is without the angle  $BAF$ .

But this is absurd.

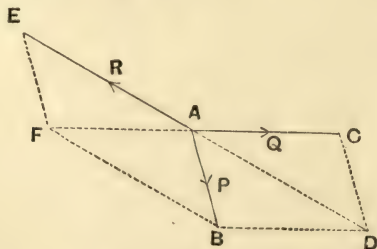
Hence  $AE$  cannot be the direction of the resultant.

In a similar manner it can be shewn that no other line, except  $AD$ , can be the direction of the resultant.

Hence  $AD$  is the direction of the resultant.

## II. MAGNITUDE.

As before let  $AB$  and  $AC$  represent the forces  $P$  and  $Q$ . Complete the parallelogram  $ABDC$ .



Take a force  $R$ , represented both in magnitude and direction by  $AE$ , to balance the resultant of  $P$  and  $Q$ .

Then, by the first part of the proof,  $AE$  is in the same straight line with  $AD$ .  $AE$  shall also be equal to  $AD$ .

Complete the parallelogram  $AEFB$ .

Since the three forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  are in equilibrium, each of them is equal and opposite to the resultant of the other two.

Now the resultant of  $P$  and  $R$  is in the direction  $AF$ ; hence  $AC$ , the direction of  $Q$ , is in the same straight line with  $AF$ .

Therefore  $ADBF$  is a parallelogram, and hence  $AD$  equals  $BF$ .

But, since  $AEFB$  is a parallelogram,  $BF$  equals  $AE$ .

Therefore  $AD$  equals  $AE$ , and hence  $AD$  is equal, in magnitude as well as direction, to the resultant of  $P$  and  $Q$ .

The above proof is known as **Duchayla's Proof**.

### EXAMPLES. IV.

1. Two forces act at an angle of  $120^\circ$ . The greater is represented by 80 and the resultant is at right angles to the less. Find the latter.

2. If one of two forces be double the other and the resultant be equal to the greater force, find the angle between the forces.

3. Two forces acting on a particle are at right angles and are balanced by a third force making an angle of  $150^\circ$  with one of them. The greater of the two forces being 3 lbs. weight, what must be the values of the other two?

4. The resultant of two forces acting at an angle equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$ ds of a right angle is perpendicular to the smaller component. The greater being equal to 30 lbs. weight, find the other component and the resultant.

5. The magnitudes of two forces are as 3 : 5, and the direction of the resultant is at right angles to that of the smaller force; compare the magnitudes of the larger force and of the resultant.

6. The sum of two forces is 18, and the resultant, whose direction is perpendicular to the lesser of the two forces, is 12; find the magnitude of the forces.

7. If two forces  $P$  and  $Q$  act at such an angle that  $R=P$ , shew that, if  $P$  be doubled, the new resultant is at right angles to  $Q$ .

8. The resultant of two forces  $P$  and  $Q$  is equal to  $\sqrt{3}Q$  and makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the direction of  $P$ ; shew that  $P$  is either equal to, or is double of,  $Q$ .

9. Two forces equal to  $2P$  and  $P$  respectively act on a particle; if the first be doubled and the second increased by 12 lbs. weight the direction of the resultant is unaltered; find the value of  $P$ .

10. The resultant of two forces  $P$  and  $Q$  acting at an angle  $\theta$  is equal to  $(2m+1)\sqrt{P^2+Q^2}$ ; when they act at an angle  $90^\circ - \theta$ , the resultant is  $(2m-1)\sqrt{P^2+Q^2}$ ; prove that

$$\tan \theta = \frac{m-1}{m+1}.$$

11. The resultant of forces  $P$  and  $Q$  is  $R$ ; if  $Q$  be doubled  $R$  is doubled, whilst, if  $Q$  be reversed,  $R$  is again doubled; shew that

$$P : Q : R :: \sqrt{2} : \sqrt{3} : \sqrt{2}.$$

12. If the resultant,  $R$ , of two forces  $P$  and  $Q$ , inclined to one another at any given angle, make an angle  $\theta$  with the direction of  $P$ , shew that the resultant of forces  $(P+R)$  and  $Q$ , acting at the same given angle, will make an angle  $\frac{\theta}{2}$  with the direction of  $(P+R)$ .

13. Three given forces acting at a point are in equilibrium. If one of them be turned about its point of application through a given angle, find by a simple construction the resultant of the three, and, if the inclination of the force continue to alter, shew that the inclination of the resultant alters by half the amount.

14. Decompose a force, whose magnitude and line of action are given, into two equal forces passing through two given points, giving a geometrical construction, (1) when the two points are on the same side of the force, (2) when they are on opposite sides.

15. Two given forces act at two given points of a body; if they are turned round those points in the same direction through any two equal angles, shew that their resultant will always pass through a fixed point.

16.  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are three fixed points, and  $P$  is a point such that the resultant of forces  $PA$  and  $PB$  always passes through  $C$ ; shew that the locus of  $P$  is a straight line.

17. A given force acting at a given point in a given direction is resolved into two components. If for all directions of the components one remains of invariable magnitude, shew that the extremity of the line representing the other lies on a definite circle.

18. Shew that the system of forces represented by the lines joining any point to the angular points of a triangle is equivalent to the system represented by straight lines drawn from the same point to the middle points of the sides of the triangle.

19. Find a point within a quadrilateral such that, if it be acted on by forces represented by the lines joining it to the angular points of the quadrilateral, it will be in equilibrium.

20. Four forces act along and are proportional to the sides of the quadrilateral  $ABCD$ ; three act in the directions  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $CD$  and the fourth acts from  $A$  to  $D$ ; find the magnitude and direction of their resultant, and determine the point in which it meets  $CD$ .

21. The sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$  and  $DA$  of a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  are bisected in  $E$ ,  $F$ ,  $G$  and  $H$  respectively; shew that if two forces parallel and equal to  $AB$  and  $DC$  act on a particle, then the resultant is parallel to  $HF$  and equal to  $2 \cdot HF$ .

22. The sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$  and  $DA$  of a quadrilateral  $ABCD$  are bisected at  $E$ ,  $F$ ,  $G$  and  $H$  respectively. Shew that the resultant of the forces acting at a point which are represented in magnitude and direction by  $EG$  and  $HF$  is represented in magnitude and direction by  $AC$ .

23. From a point,  $P$ , within a circle whose centre is fixed, straight lines  $PA_1$ ,  $PA_2$ ,  $PA_3$  and  $PA_4$  are drawn to meet the circumference, all being equally inclined to the radius through  $P$ ; shew that, if these lines represent forces radiating from  $P$ , their resultant is independent of the magnitude of the radius of the circle.

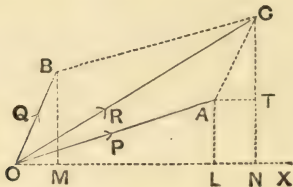


## CHAPTER III.

### COMPOSITION AND RESOLUTION OF FORCES (*continued*).

**44.** *The sum of the resolved parts of two forces in a given direction is equal to the resolved part of their resultant in the same direction.*

Let  $OA$  and  $OB$  represent the two forces  $P$  and  $Q$ , and  $OC$  their resultant  $R$ , so that  $OACB$  is a parallelogram.



Let  $OX$  be the given direction; draw  $AL$ ,  $BM$  and  $CN$  perpendicular to  $OX$  and  $AT$  perpendicular to  $CN$ .

The sides of the two triangles  $OBM$ ,  $ACT$  are respectively parallel, and  $OB$  is equal to  $AC$  in magnitude;

$$\therefore OM = AT = LN.$$

Hence  $ON = OL + LN = OL + OM.$

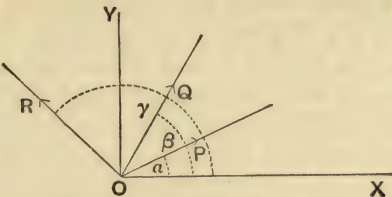
But  $OL$ ,  $OM$  and  $ON$  represent respectively the resolved parts of  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  in the direction  $OX$ .

Hence the theorem is proved.

The theorem may easily be extended to the resultant of any number of forces acting at a point.

**45.** *To find the resultant of any number of forces in one plane acting upon a particle.*

Let the forces  $P, Q, R...$  act upon a particle at  $O$ .



Through  $O$  draw a fixed line  $OX$  and a line  $OY$  at right angles to  $OX$ .

Let the forces  $P, Q, R...$  make angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma...$  with  $OX$ .

The components of the force  $P$  in the directions  $OX$  and  $OY$  are, by Art. 30,  $P \cos \alpha$  and  $P \sin \alpha$  respectively; similarly, the components of  $Q$  are  $Q \cos \beta$  and  $Q \sin \beta$ ; similarly for the other forces.

Hence the forces are equivalent to a component,

$$P \cos \alpha + Q \cos \beta + R \cos \gamma... \text{ along } OX,$$

and a component,

$$P \sin \alpha + Q \sin \beta + R \sin \gamma... \text{ along } OY.$$

Let these components be  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively, and let  $F$  be their resultant inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to  $OX$ .

Since  $F$  is equivalent to  $F \cos \theta$  along  $OX$ , and  $F \sin \theta$  along  $OY$ , we have, by the previous article,

$$F \cos \theta = X.....(1),$$

$$F \sin \theta = Y.....(2).$$

Hence, by squaring and adding,

$$F^2 = X^2 + Y^2.$$

Also, by division,  $\tan \theta = \frac{Y}{X}.$

These two equations give  $F$  and  $\theta$ , *i.e.*, the magnitude and direction of the required resultant.

**46. Graphical Construction.** The resultant of a system of forces acting at a point may also be obtained by means of the Polygon of Forces. For, (Fig. Art. 41), forces acting at a point  $O$  and represented in magnitude and direction by the sides of the polygon  $ABCDEF$  are in equilibrium. Hence the resultant of forces represented by  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ ,  $DE$  and  $EF$  must be equal and opposite to the remaining force  $FA$ , *i.e.*, the resultant must be represented by  $AF$ .

It follows that the resultant of forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$ ,  $S$  and  $T$  acting on a particle may be obtained thus; take a point  $A$  and draw  $AB$  parallel and proportional to  $P$ , and in succession  $BC$ ,  $CD$ ,  $DE$  and  $EF$  parallel and proportional respectively to  $Q$ ,  $R$ ,  $S$ , and  $T$ ; the required resultant will be represented in magnitude and direction by the line  $AF$ .

The same construction would clearly apply for any number of forces.

**47. Ex. 1.** *A particle is acted upon by three forces, in one plane, equal to 2,  $2\sqrt{2}$ , and 1 lbs. weight respectively; the first is horizontal, the second acts at  $45^\circ$  to the horizon, and the third is vertical; find their resultant.*

$$\text{Here} \quad X = 2 + 2\sqrt{2} \cos 45^\circ + 0 = 2 + 2\sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 4,$$

$$Y = 0 + 2\sqrt{2} \sin 45^\circ + 1 = 2\sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + 1 = 3.$$

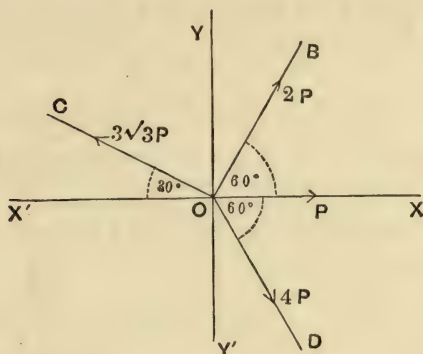
$$\text{Hence} \quad F \cos \theta = 4; \quad F \sin \theta = 3;$$

$$\therefore F = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = 5, \text{ and } \tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}.$$

The resultant is therefore a force equal to 5 lbs. weight acting at an angle with the horizontal whose tangent is  $\frac{3}{4}$ , *i.e.*  $36^\circ 52'$ .

**Ex. 2.** *A particle is acted upon by forces represented by  $P$ ,  $2P$ ,  $3\sqrt{3}P$ , and  $4P$ ; the angles between the first and second, the second and third, and the third and fourth are  $60^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$  and  $150^\circ$  respectively. Shew that the resultant is a force  $P$  in a direction inclined at an angle of  $120^\circ$  to that of the first force.*

In this example it will be a simplification if we take the fixed



line  $OX$  to coincide with the direction of the first force  $P$ ; let  $OX'$  and  $YOY'$  be the two fixed lines at right angles.

The second, third, and fourth forces are respectively in the first, second, and fourth quadrants, and we have clearly

$$BOX = 60^\circ; \quad COX' = 30^\circ; \quad \text{and} \quad DOX = 60^\circ.$$

The first force has no component along  $OY$ .

The second force is equivalent to components  $2P \cos 60^\circ$  and  $2P \sin 60^\circ$  along  $OX$  and  $OY$  respectively.

The third force is equivalent to forces

$$3\sqrt{3}P \cos 30^\circ \quad \text{and} \quad 3\sqrt{3}P \sin 30^\circ$$

along  $OX'$  and  $OY$  respectively, *i.e.* to forces  $-3\sqrt{3}P \cos 30^\circ$  and  $3\sqrt{3}P \sin 30^\circ$  along  $OX$  and  $OY$ .

So the fourth force is equivalent to  $4P \cos 60^\circ$  and  $4P \sin 60^\circ$  along  $OX$  and  $OY'$ , *i.e.* to  $4P \cos 60^\circ$  and  $-4P \sin 60^\circ$  along  $OX$  and  $OY$ .

$$\text{Hence} \quad X = P + 2P \cos 60^\circ - 3\sqrt{3}P \cos 30^\circ + 4P \cos 60^\circ$$

$$= P + P - \frac{9P}{2} + 2P = -\frac{P}{2},$$

$$\text{and} \quad Y = 0 + 2P \sin 60^\circ + 3\sqrt{3}P \sin 30^\circ - 4P \sin 60^\circ$$

$$= P\sqrt{3} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}P - 4P \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}P.$$

Hence, if  $F$  be the resultant at an angle  $\theta$  with  $OX$ , we have

$$F = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} = P,$$

and  $\tan \theta = \frac{Y}{X} = -\sqrt{3} = \tan 120^\circ$ ,

so that the resultant is a force  $P$  at an angle of  $120^\circ$  with the first force.

### EXAMPLES. V.

1. Forces of 1, 2, and  $\sqrt{3}$  lbs. weight act at a point  $A$  in directions  $AP$ ,  $AQ$ , and  $AR$ , the angle  $PAQ$  being  $60^\circ$  and  $PAR$  a right angle; find their resultant.

2. A particle is acted on by forces of 5 and 3 lbs. weight which are at right angles and by a force of 4 lbs. weight bisecting the angle between them; find the force that will keep it at rest.

3. Three equal forces,  $P$ , diverge from a point, the middle one being inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to each of the others. Find the resultant of the three.

4. Three forces  $5P$ ,  $10P$ , and  $13P$  act in one plane on a particle, the angle between any two of their directions being  $120^\circ$ . Find the magnitude and direction of their resultant.

5. Forces  $2P$ ,  $3P$ , and  $4P$  act at a point in directions parallel to the sides of an equilateral triangle taken in order; find the magnitude and line of action of the resultant.

6. Forces  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ ,  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  act on a particle  $O$  at the centre of a square  $ABCD$ ;  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  act along the diagonals  $OA$  and  $OB$ , and  $P_3$  and  $P_4$  perpendicular to the sides  $AB$  and  $BC$ . If

$$P_1 : P_2 : P_3 : P_4 :: 4 : 6 : 5 : 1,$$

find the magnitude and direction of their resultant.

7.  $ABCD$  is a square; forces of 1 lb. wt., 6 lbs. wt., and 9 lbs. wt. act in the directions  $AB$ ,  $AC$ , and  $AD$  respectively; find the magnitude of their resultant correct to two places of decimals.

8. Five forces, acting at a point, are in equilibrium; four of them, whose respective magnitudes are 4, 4, 1, and 3 lbs. weight make, in succession, angles of  $60^\circ$  with one another. Find the magnitude of the fifth force.

9. Four equal forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$  and  $S$  act on a particle in one plane; the angles between  $P$  and  $Q$ , between  $Q$  and  $R$ , and between  $R$  and  $S$  are all equal and that between  $P$  and  $S$  is  $108^\circ$ . Find their resultant.

10. Forces of 2,  $\sqrt{3}$ , 5,  $\sqrt{3}$ , and 2 lbs. wt. respectively act at one of the angular points of a regular hexagon towards the five other angular points; find the direction and magnitude of the resultant.

11. Forces of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 lbs. wt. respectively act at an angular point of a regular hexagon towards the other angular points taken in order; find their resultant.

12. Shew that the resultant of forces equal to 7, 1, 1, and 3 lbs. wt. respectively acting at an angular point of a regular pentagon towards the other angular points, taken in order, is  $\sqrt{71}$  lbs. wt.



13. Equal forces  $P$  act on an angular point of an octagon towards each of the other angular points; find their resultant.

14. Using trigonometrical tables, find the magnitude (to 2 places of decimals) and the direction (to the nearest minute) of the resultant of

(1) three forces equal to 11, 7, and 8 lbs. weight, making angles of  $18^\circ 18'$ ,  $74^\circ 50'$ , and  $130^\circ 20'$  with a fixed line;

(2) four forces equal to 4, 3, 2, and 1 lb. weight, making angles of  $20^\circ$ ,  $40^\circ$ ,  $60^\circ$ , and  $80^\circ$  with a fixed line;

(3) four forces equal to 8, 12, 15, and 20 lbs. weight, making angles of  $30^\circ$ ,  $70^\circ$ ,  $120^\circ 15'$ , and  $155^\circ$  with a fixed line.

**48.** *To find the conditions of equilibrium of any number of forces acting upon a particle.*

Let the forces act upon a particle  $O$  as in Art. 45.

If the forces balance one another the resultant must vanish, *i.e.*  $F$  must be zero.

Hence 
$$X^2 + Y^2 = 0.$$

Now the sum of the squares of two real quantities cannot be zero unless each quantity is separately zero;

$$\therefore X = 0, \text{ and } Y = 0.$$

Hence, if the forces acting on a particle be in equilibrium, the algebraic sum of their resolved parts in two directions at right angles are separately zero.

Conversely, if the sum of their resolved parts in two directions at right angles separately vanish, the forces are in equilibrium.

For, in this case, both  $X$  and  $Y$  are zero, and therefore  $F$  is zero also.

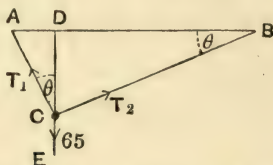
Hence, since the resultant of the forces vanishes, the forces are in equilibrium.

**49.** When there are only three forces acting on a particle the conditions of equilibrium are often most easily found by applying Lami's Theorem (Art. 40).

**50. Ex. 1.** A body of 65 lbs. weight is suspended by two strings of lengths 5 and 12 feet attached to two points in the same horizontal line whose distance apart is 13 feet; find the tensions of the strings.

Let  $AC$  and  $BC$  be the two strings, so that

$$AC = 5 \text{ ft.}, BC = 12 \text{ ft.}, \text{ and } AB = 13 \text{ ft.}$$



Since  $13^2 = 12^2 + 5^2$ , the angle  $ACE$  is a right angle.

Let the direction  $CE$  of the weight be produced to meet  $AB$  in  $D$ ; also let the angle  $CBA$  be  $\theta$ , so that

$$\angle ACD = 90^\circ - \angle BCD = \angle CBD = \theta.$$

Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be the tensions of the strings. By Lami's theorem we have

$$\frac{T_1}{\sin ECB} = \frac{T_2}{\sin ECA} = \frac{65}{\sin ACB};$$

$$\therefore \frac{T_1}{\sin BCD} = \frac{T_2}{\sin \theta} = \frac{65}{\sin 90^\circ};$$

$$\therefore T_1 = 65 \cos \theta, \text{ and } T_2 = 65 \sin \theta.$$

But  $\cos \theta = \frac{BC}{BA} = \frac{12}{13}$ , and  $\sin \theta = \frac{AC}{AB} = \frac{5}{13}$ ;

$$\therefore T_1 = 60, \text{ and } T_2 = 25 \text{ lbs. wt.}$$

**Otherwise thus;** The triangle  $ACB$  has its sides respectively perpendicular to the directions of the forces  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ , and 65;

$$\therefore \frac{T_1}{BC} = \frac{T_2}{CA} = \frac{65}{AB};$$

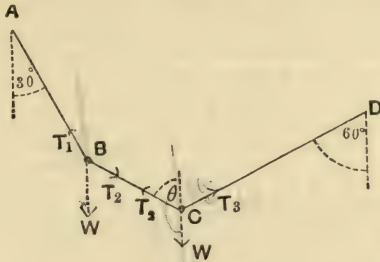
$$\therefore T_1 = 65 \frac{BC}{AB} = 60, \text{ and } T_2 = 65 \frac{AC}{AB} = 25.$$

**Ex. 2.** A string  $ABCD$ , attached to two fixed points  $A$  and  $D$ , has two equal weights,  $W$ , knotted to it at  $B$  and  $C$  and rests with the portions  $AB$  and  $CD$  inclined at angles of  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively to the vertical. Find the tensions of the portions of the string and the inclination of  $BC$  to the vertical.

Let the tensions in the strings be  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ , and  $T_3$  respectively and let  $BC$  be inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the vertical.

[N.B. The string  $BC$  pulls  $B$  towards  $C$  and pulls  $C$  towards  $B$ , the tension being the same throughout its length.]

Since  $B$  is in equilibrium the vertical components and the horizontal components of the forces acting on it must both vanish (Art. 48).



Hence  $T_1 \cos 30^\circ - T_2 \cos \theta = W$  .....(1),  
 and  $T_1 \sin 30^\circ - T_2 \sin \theta = 0$  .....(2).

Similarly, since  $C$  is in equilibrium,  
 $T_3 \cos 60^\circ + T_2 \cos \theta = W$  .....(3),  
 and  $T_3 \sin 60^\circ - T_2 \sin \theta = 0$  .....(4).

From (1) and (2), substituting for  $T_1$ , we have  
 $W = T_2 [\cot 30^\circ \sin \theta - \cos \theta] = T_2 [\sqrt{3} \sin \theta - \cos \theta]$  .....(5).

So from (3) and (4), substituting for  $T_3$ , we have  
 $W = T_2 [\cot 60^\circ \sin \theta + \cos \theta] = T_2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin \theta + \cos \theta \right]$  ..... (6) ;  
 therefore from (5) and (6),

$$\sqrt{3} \sin \theta - \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sin \theta + \cos \theta ;$$

$$\therefore 2 \sin \theta = 2 \sqrt{3} \cos \theta ;$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \sqrt{3}, \text{ and hence } \theta = 60^\circ.$$

Substituting this value in (5), we have  
 $W = T_2 \left[ \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right] = T_2.$

Hence from (2), we have  
 $T_1 = T_2 \frac{\sin 60^\circ}{\sin 30^\circ} = W \cdot \sqrt{3},$   
 and from (4)  
 $T_3 = T_2 \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin 60^\circ} = T_2 = W.$

Hence the inclination of  $BC$  to the vertical is  $60^\circ$ , and the tensions of the portions  $AB$ ,  $BC$  and  $CD$  are  $W\sqrt{3}$ ,  $W$ , and  $W$  respectively.

## EXAMPLES. VI.

1. Two men carry a weight  $W$  between them by means of two ropes fixed to the weight; one rope is inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the vertical and the other at  $30^\circ$ ; find the tension of each rope.
2. A body, of mass 2 lbs., is fastened to a fixed point by means of a string of length 25 inches; it is acted on by a horizontal force  $F$  and rests at a distance of 20 inches from the vertical line through the fixed point; find the value of  $F$  and the tension of the string.
3. A body, of mass 130 lbs., is suspended from a horizontal beam by strings, whose lengths are respectively 1 ft. 4 ins. and 5 ft. 3 ins., the strings being fastened to the beam at two points 5 ft. 5 ins. apart. What are the tensions of the strings?
4. A body, of mass 70 lbs., is suspended by strings, whose lengths are 6 and 8 feet respectively, from two points in a horizontal line whose distance apart is 10 feet; find the tensions of the strings.
5. A mass of 60 lbs. is suspended by two strings of lengths 9 and 12 feet respectively, the other ends of the strings being attached to two points in a horizontal line at a distance of 15 feet apart; find the tensions of the strings.
6. A string suspended from a ceiling supports three bodies, each of mass 4 lbs., one at its lowest point and each of the others at equal distances from its extremities; find the tensions of the parts into which the string is divided.
7. Two equal masses, of weight  $W$ , are attached to the extremities of a thin string which passes over 3 tacks in a wall arranged in the form of an isosceles triangle, with the base horizontal and with a vertical angle of  $120^\circ$ ; find the pressure on each tack.
8. A stream is 96 feet wide and a boat is dragged down the middle of the stream by two men on opposite banks, each of whom pulls with a force equal to 100 lbs. wt.; if the ropes be attached to the same point of the boat and each be of length 60 feet, find the resultant pressure on the boat.
9. A string passing over two smooth parallel bars in the same horizontal plane has two equal weights fastened to its ends and another equal weight is fastened to a point of the string between the bars; find the position of equilibrium of the system and the pressure upon each bar.
10. A string is tied to two points in a horizontal plane; a ring of weight 27 lbs. can slide freely along the string and is pulled by a horizontal force equal to the weight of  $P$  lbs. If in the position of equilibrium the portions of the string be inclined at angles of  $45^\circ$  and  $75^\circ$  to the vertical, find the value of  $P$ .

11. Two weightless rings slide on a smooth vertical circle and through the rings passes a string which carries weights at the two ends and at a point between the rings. If equilibrium exist when the rings are at points distant  $30^\circ$  from the highest point of the circle, find the relation between the three weights.

12. Two masses, each equal to 112 lbs., are joined by a string which passes over two small smooth pegs,  $A$  and  $B$ , in the same horizontal plane; if a mass of 5 lbs. be attached to the string halfway between  $A$  and  $B$ , find in inches the depth to which it will descend below the level of  $AB$ , supposing  $AB$  to be 10 feet.

What would happen if the small mass were attached to any other point of the string?

13. A body, of mass 10 lbs., is suspended by two strings, 7 and 24 inches long, their other ends being fastened to the extremities of a rod of length 25 inches. If the rod be so held that the body hangs immediately below its middle point, find the tensions of the string.

14. A heavy chain has weights of 10 and 16 lbs. attached to its ends and hangs in equilibrium over a smooth pulley; if the greatest tension of the chain be 20 lbs. wt., find the weight of the chain.

15. A heavy chain, of length 8 ft. 9 ins. and weighing 15 lbs., has a weight of 7 lbs. attached to one end and is in equilibrium hanging over a smooth peg. What length of the chain is on each side?

16. A body is free to slide on a smooth vertical circular wire and is connected by a string, equal in length to the radius of the circle, to the highest point of the circle; find the tension of the string and the pressure on the circle.

17. A uniform plane lamina in the form of a rhombus, one of whose angles is  $120^\circ$ , is supported by two forces applied at the centre in the directions of the diagonals so that one side of the rhombus is horizontal; shew that, if  $P$  and  $Q$  be the forces and  $P$  be the greater, then

$$P^2 = 3Q^2.$$

18. The ends of a driving rein are passed through two smooth rings which are fastened, one to each side of the bit. They are then doubled back and tied to fixed points in the headpiece one on each side of the horse's head. Find the pressure produced by the bit on the horse's tongue by a given pull  $P$  of the driver.

19. Three equal strings, of no sensible weight, are knotted together to form an equilateral triangle  $ABC$  and a weight  $W$  is suspended from  $A$ . If the triangle and weight be supported, with  $BC$  horizontal, by means of two strings at  $B$  and  $C$ , each at the angle of  $135^\circ$  with  $BC$ , shew that the tension in  $BC$  is

$$\frac{W}{6}(3 - \sqrt{3}).$$



20. Three weightless strings  $AC$ ,  $BC$ , and  $AB$  are knotted together to form an isosceles triangle whose vertex is  $C$ . If a weight  $W$  be suspended from  $C$  and the whole be supported, with  $AB$  horizontal, by two forces bisecting the angles at  $A$  and  $B$ , find the tension of the string  $AB$ .

21. A weightless string is suspended from two points not in the same horizontal line and passes through a small smooth heavy ring which is free to slide on the string; find the position of equilibrium of the ring.

If the ring, instead of being free to move on the string, be tied to a given point of it, find equations to give the ratio of the tensions of the two portions of the string.

22. Four pegs are fixed in a wall at the four highest points of a regular hexagon (the two lowest points of the hexagon being in a horizontal straight line) and over these is thrown a loop supporting a weight  $W$ ; the loop is of such a length that the angles formed by it at the lowest pegs are right angles. Find the tension of the string and the pressures on the pegs.

23. Explain how the force of the current may be used to urge a ferry-boat across the river, assuming that the centre of the boat is attached by a long rope to a fixed point in the middle of the stream.

24. Explain how a vessel is enabled to sail in a direction nearly opposite to that of the wind.

Shew also that the sails of the vessel should be set so as to bisect the angle between the keel and the apparent direction of the wind in order that the force to urge the vessel forward may be as great as possible.

[Let  $AB$  be the direction of the keel and therefore that of the ship's motion, and  $OA$  the apparent direction of the wind, the angle  $OAB$  being acute and equal to  $\alpha$ . Let  $AC$  be the direction of the sail,  $AC$  being between  $OA$  and  $AB$  and the angle  $BAC$  being  $\theta$ .

Let  $P$  be the force of the wind on the sail; resolve it in directions along and perpendicular to the sail. The component  $P \cos(\alpha - \theta)$  along the sail has no effect. The component  $P \sin(\alpha - \theta)$  perpendicular to the sail may again be resolved into two, viz.  $P \sin(\alpha - \theta) \cos \theta$  perpendicular to  $AB$  and  $P \sin(\alpha - \theta) \sin \theta$  along  $AB$ . The former component produces lee-way (*i.e.* motion side-ways). The latter is never zero, unless  $\alpha$  or  $\theta$  vanish.

Also it is  $\frac{1}{2}P[\cos(\alpha - 2\theta) - \cos \alpha]$  and it is therefore greatest when  $\cos(\alpha - 2\theta)$  is greatest, *i.e.* when  $\alpha - 2\theta = 0$ , *i.e.* when  $\theta = \frac{\alpha}{2}$ , *i.e.* when the direction of the sail bisects the angle between the keel and the apparent direction of the wind.]

## CHAPTER IV.

### PARALLEL FORCES.

**51.** IN Chapters II. and III. we have shewn how to find the resultant of forces which meet in a point. In the present chapter we shall consider the composition of parallel forces.

In the ordinary statical problems of every-day life parallel forces are of constant occurrence.

**52. Def.** Two parallel forces are said to be **like** when they act in the same direction ; when they act in opposite parallel directions they are said to be **unlike**.

**53.** *To find the resultant of two parallel forces acting upon a rigid body.*

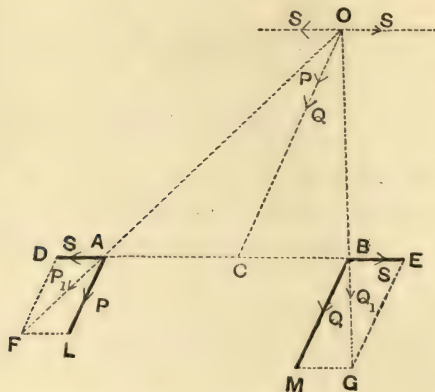
**Case I.** *Let the forces be like.*

Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the forces acting at points  $A$  and  $B$  of the body, and let them be represented by the lines  $AL$  and  $BM$ .

Join  $AB$  and at  $A$  and  $B$  apply two equal and opposite forces each equal to  $S$  and acting in the directions  $BA$  and  $AB$  respectively. Let these forces be represented by  $AD$  and  $BE$ . These two forces balance one another and have no effect upon the equilibrium of the body.

Complete the parallelograms  $ALFD$  and  $BMGE$ ; let the diagonals  $FA$  and  $GB$  be produced to meet in  $O$ . Draw  $OC$  parallel to  $AL$  or  $BM$  to meet  $AB$  in  $C$ .

The forces  $P$  and  $S$  at  $A$  have a resultant  $P_1$ , represented by  $AF$ . Let its point of application be removed to  $O$ .



So the forces  $Q$  and  $S$  at  $B$  have a resultant  $Q_1$  represented by  $BG$ . Let its point of application be transferred to  $O$ .

The force  $P_1$  at  $O$  may be resolved into two forces,  $S$  parallel to  $AD$ , and  $P$  in the direction  $OC$ .

So the force  $Q_1$  at  $O$  may be resolved into two forces,  $S$  parallel to  $BE$ , and  $Q$  in the direction  $OC$ .

Also these two forces  $S$  acting at  $O$  are in equilibrium.

Hence the original forces  $P$  and  $Q$  are equivalent to a force  $(P + Q)$  acting along  $OC$ , *i.e.* acting at  $C$  parallel to the original directions of  $P$  and  $Q$ .

To determine the position of the point  $C$ . The triangle  $OCA$  is, by construction, similar to the triangle  $ALF$ ;

$$\therefore \frac{OC}{CA} = \frac{AL}{LF} = \frac{P}{S} \dots\dots\dots (1).$$

So, since the triangles  $OCB$  and  $BMG$  are similar, we have

$$\frac{OC}{CB} = \frac{BM}{MG} = \frac{Q}{S} \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

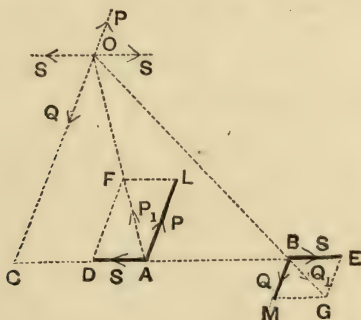
Hence, from (1) and (2), by division,

$$\frac{CA}{CB} = \frac{Q}{P},$$

i.e.  $C$  divides the line  $AB$  internally in the inverse ratio of the forces.

**Case II.** *Let the forces be unlike.*

Let  $P, Q$  be the forces ( $P$  being the greater) acting at



points  $A$  and  $B$  of the body, and let them be represented by the lines  $AL$  and  $BM$ .

Join  $AB$ , and at  $A$  and  $B$  apply two equal and opposite forces, each equal to  $S$ , and acting in the directions  $BA$  and  $AB$  respectively. Let these forces be represented by  $AD$  and  $BE$  respectively; they balance one another and have no effect on the equilibrium of the body.

Complete the parallelograms  $ALFD$  and  $BMGE$ , and produce the diagonals  $AF$  and  $GB$  to meet in  $O$ .

[These diagonals will always meet unless they be parallel, in which case the forces  $P$  and  $Q$  will be equal.]

Draw  $OC$  parallel to  $AL$  or  $BM$  to meet  $AB$  in  $C$ .

The forces  $P$  and  $S$  acting at  $A$  have a resultant  $P_1$  represented by  $AF$ . Let its point of application be transferred to  $O$ .

So the forces  $Q$  and  $S$  acting at  $B$  have a resultant  $Q_1$  represented by  $BG$ . Let its point of application be transferred to  $O$ .

The force  $P_1$  at  $O$  may be resolved into two forces,  $S$  parallel to  $AD$ , and  $P$  in the direction  $CO$  produced.

So the forces  $Q_1$  at  $O$  may be resolved into two forces,  $S$  parallel to  $BE$ , and  $Q$  in the direction  $OC$ .

Also these two forces  $S$  acting at  $O$  are in equilibrium.

Hence the original forces  $P$  and  $Q$  are equivalent to a force  $P - Q$  acting in the direction  $CO$  produced, *i.e.* acting at  $C$  in a direction parallel to that of  $P$ .

To determine the position of the point  $C$ . The triangle  $OCA$  is, by construction, similar to the triangle  $FDA$ ;

$$\therefore \frac{OC}{CA} = \frac{FD}{DA} = \frac{AL}{AD} = \frac{P}{S} \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

So, since the triangles  $OCB$  and  $BMG$  are similar, we have

$$\frac{OC}{CB} = \frac{BM}{MG} = \frac{Q}{S} \dots \dots \dots (2).$$

Hence, from (1) and (2), by division,  $\frac{CA}{CB} = \frac{Q}{P}$ , *i.e.*  $C$  divides the line  $AB$  *externally* in the inverse ratio of the forces.

**To sum up;** If two parallel forces,  $P$  and  $Q$ , act at points  $A$  and  $B$  of a rigid body,

(i) their resultant is a force whose line of action is parallel to the lines of action of the component forces; also, when the component forces are like, its direction is



the same as that of the two forces, and, when the forces are unlike, its direction is the same as that of the greater component.

(ii) the point of application is a point  $C$  in  $AB$  such that

$$P \cdot AC = Q \cdot BC.$$

(iii) the magnitude of the resultant is the sum of the two component forces when the forces are like, and the difference of the two component forces when they are unlike.

**54.** *Case of failure of the preceding construction.*

In the second figure of the last article, if the forces  $P$  and  $Q$  be equal, the triangles  $FDA$  and  $GEB$  are equal in all respects, and hence the angles  $DAF$  and  $EBG$  will be equal.

In this case the lines  $AF$  and  $GB$  will be parallel and will not meet in any such point as  $O$ ; hence the construction fails.

Hence there is no single force which is equivalent to two equal unlike parallel forces.

We shall return to the consideration of this case in Chapter VI.

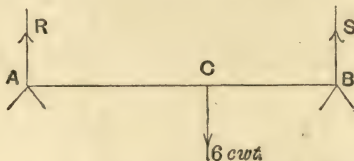
**55.** If we have a number of like parallel forces acting on a rigid body we can find their resultant by successive applications of Art. 53. We must find the resultant of the first and second, and then the resultant of this resultant and the third, and so on.

The magnitude of the final resultant is the sum of the forces.

If the parallel forces be not all like, the magnitude of the resultant will be found to be the algebraic sum of the forces each with its proper sign prefixed.

**56. Ex.** A horizontal rod, 6 feet long, whose weight may be neglected, rests on two supports at its extremities; a body, of weight 6 cwt., is suspended from the rod at a distance of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet from one end; find the reaction at each point of support. If one support could only bear a pressure equal to the weight of 1 cwt., what is the greatest distance from the other support at which the body could be suspended?

Let  $AB$  be the rod and  $R$  and  $S$  the pressures at the points of support. Let  $C$  be the point at which the body is suspended so that



$AC = 3\frac{1}{2}$  and  $CB = 2\frac{1}{2}$  feet. For equilibrium the resultant of  $R$  and  $S$  must balance 6 cwt. Hence, by Art. 53,

$$R + S = 6 \dots\dots\dots(1),$$

and 
$$\frac{R}{S} = \frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{3\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{5}{7} \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

Solving (1) and (2), we have  $R = \frac{5}{2}$ , and  $S = \frac{7}{2}$ . Hence the pressures are  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. respectively.

If the reaction at  $A$  can only be equal to 1 cwt.,  $S$  must be 5 cwt. Hence, if  $AC$  be  $x$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{5} = \frac{BC}{AC} = \frac{6-x}{x}.$$

$$\therefore x = 5 \text{ feet.}$$

Hence  $BC$  is 1 foot.

## EXAMPLES. VII.

In the four following examples  $A$  and  $B$  denote the points of application of parallel forces  $P$  and  $Q$ , and  $C$  is the point in which their resultant  $R$  meets  $AB$ .

1. Find the magnitude and position of the resultant (the forces being like) when

(i)  $P=4$ ;  $Q=7$ ;  $AB=11$  inches;

(ii)  $P=11$ ;  $Q=19$ ;  $AB=2\frac{1}{2}$  feet;

(iii)  $P=5$ ;  $Q=5$ ;  $AB=3$  feet.

2. Find the magnitude and position of the resultant (the forces being unlike) when

- (i)  $P=17$ ;  $Q=25$ ;  $AB=8$  inches;
- (ii)  $P=23$ ;  $Q=15$ ;  $AB=40$  inches;
- (iii)  $P=26$ ;  $Q=9$ ;  $AB=3$  feet.

3. The forces being like,

- (i) if  $P=8$ ;  $R=17$ ;  $AC=4\frac{1}{2}$  inches; find  $Q$  and  $AB$ ;
- (ii) if  $Q=11$ ;  $AC=7$  inches;  $AB=8\frac{3}{4}$  inches; find  $P$  and  $R$ ;
- (iii) if  $P=6$ ;  $AC=9$  inches;  $CB=8$  inches; find  $Q$  and  $R$ .

4. The forces being unlike,

- (i) if  $P=8$ ;  $R=17$ ;  $AC=4\frac{1}{2}$  inches; find  $Q$  and  $AB$ ;
- (ii) if  $Q=11$ ;  $AC=-7$  inches;  $AB=8\frac{3}{4}$  inches; find  $P$  and  $R$ ;
- (iii) if  $P=6$ ;  $AC=-9$  inches;  $AB=12$  inches; find  $Q$  and  $R$ .

5. Find two like parallel forces acting at a distance of 2 feet apart, which are equivalent to a given force of 20 lbs. wt., the line of action of one being at a distance of 6 inches from the given force.

6. Find two unlike parallel forces acting at a distance of 18 inches apart which are equivalent to a force of 30 lbs. wt., the greater of the two forces being at a distance of 8 inches from the given force.

7. Two parallel forces,  $P$  and  $Q$ , act at given points of a body; if  $Q$  be changed to  $\frac{P^2}{Q}$ , shew that the line of action of the resultant is the same as it would be if the forces were simply interchanged.

8. Two men carry a heavy cask of weight  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cwt., which hangs from a light pole, of length 6 feet, each end of which rests on a shoulder of one of the men. The point from which the cask is hung is one foot nearer to one man than to the other. What is the pressure on each shoulder?

9. Two men, one stronger than the other, have to remove a block of stone weighing 270 lbs. by means of a light plank whose length is 6 feet; the stronger man is able to carry 180 lbs.; how must the block be placed so as to allow him that share of the weight?

10. A uniform rod, 12 feet long and weighing 17 lbs., can turn freely about a point in it and the rod is in equilibrium when a weight of 7 lbs. is hung at one end; how far from the end is the point about which it can turn?

N.B. *The weight of a uniform rod may be taken to act at its middle point.*

11. A straight uniform rod is 3 feet long; when a load of 5 lbs. is placed at one end it balances about a point 3 inches from that end; find the weight of the rod.

12. A uniform bar, of weight 3 lbs. and length 4 feet, passes over a prop and is supported in a horizontal position by a force equal to 1 lb. wt. acting vertically upwards at the other end; find the distance of the prop from the centre of the beam.

13. A heavy uniform rod, 4 feet long, rests horizontally on two pegs which are one foot apart; a weight of 10 lbs. suspended from one end, or a weight of 4 lbs. suspended from the other end, will just tilt the rod up; find the weight of the rod and the distances of the pegs from the centre of the rod.

14. A uniform iron rod,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet long and of weight 8 lbs., is placed on two rails fixed at two points, *A* and *B*, in a vertical wall. *AB* is horizontal and 5 inches long; find the distances at which the ends of the rod extend beyond the rails if the difference of the pressures on the rails be 6 lbs. wt.

15. A uniform beam, 4 feet long, is supported in a horizontal position by two props, which are 3 feet apart, so that the beam projects one foot beyond one of the props; shew that the pressure on one prop is double that on the other.

16. A straight weightless rod, 2 feet in length, rests in a horizontal position between two pegs placed at a distance of 3 inches apart, one peg being at one end of the rod, and a weight of 5 lbs. is suspended from the other end; find the pressure on the pegs.

17. One end of a heavy uniform rod, of weight *W*, rests on a smooth horizontal plane, and a string tied to the other end of the rod is fastened to a fixed point above the plane; find the tension of the string.

18. A man carries a bundle at the end of a stick which is placed over his shoulder; if the distance between his hand and his shoulder be changed how does the pressure on his shoulder change?

19. A man carries a weight of 50 lbs. at the end of a stick, 3 feet long, resting on his shoulder. He regulates the stick so that the length between his shoulder and his hands is (1) 12, (2) 18 and (3) 24 inches; how great are the forces exerted by his hand and the pressures on his shoulder in each case?

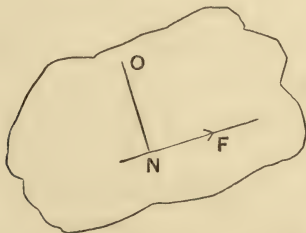
20. Three parallel forces act on a horizontal bar. Each is equal to 1 lb. wt., the right-hand one acting vertically upward and the other two vertically down at distances of 2 ft. and 3 ft. respectively from the first; find the magnitude and position of their resultant.

## CHAPTER V.

### MOMENTS.

**57. Def.** *The moment of a force about a given point is the product of the force and the perpendicular drawn from the given point upon the line of action of the force.*

Thus the moment of a force  $F$  about a given point  $O$  is



$F \times ON$ , where  $ON$  is the perpendicular drawn from  $O$  upon the line of action of  $F$ .

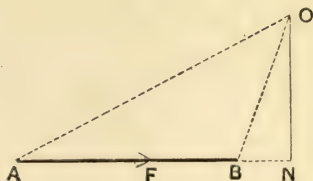
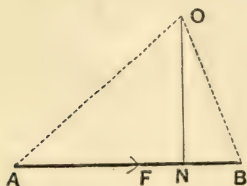
It will be noted that the moment of a force  $F$  about a given point  $O$  never vanishes unless either the force vanishes or the force passes through the point about which the moment is taken.

**58. Geometrical representation of a moment.**

Suppose the force  $F$  to be represented in magnitude, direction, and line of action by the line  $AB$ . Let  $O$  be any



given point and  $ON$  the perpendicular from  $O$  upon  $AB$  or  $AB$  produced.



Join  $OA$  and  $OB$ .

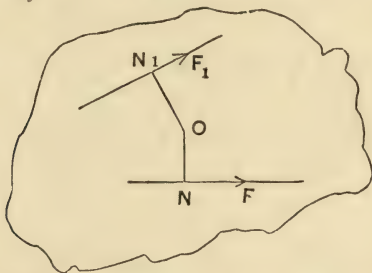
By definition the moment of  $F$  about  $O$  is  $F \times ON$ , i.e.  $AB \times ON$ . But  $AB \times ON$  is equal to twice the area of the triangle  $OAB$  [for it is equal to the area of a rectangle whose base is  $AB$  and whose height is  $ON$ ]. Hence the moment of the force  $F$  about the point  $O$  is represented by twice the area of the triangle  $OAB$ , i.e. by twice the area of the triangle whose base is the line representing the force and whose vertex is the point about which the moment is taken.

**59.** *Physical meaning of the moment of a force about a point.*

Suppose the body in the figure of Art. 57 to be a plane lamina [i.e. a body of very small thickness, such as a piece of sheet-tin or a thin piece of board] resting on a smooth table and suppose the point  $O$  of the body to be fixed. The effect of a force  $F$  acting on the body would be to cause it to turn about the point  $O$  as a centre, and this effect would not be zero unless (1) the force  $F$  were zero, or (2) the force  $F$  passed through  $O$ , in which case the distance  $ON$  would vanish. Hence the product  $F \times ON$  would seem to be a fitting measure of the tendency of  $F$  to turn the body about  $O$ . This may be experimentally verified as follows;

Let the lamina be at rest under the action of two forces  $F$  and  $F_1$ , whose lines of action lie in the plane of the lamina. Let  $ON$  and  $ON_1$  be the perpendiculars drawn from the fixed point  $O$  upon the lines of action of  $F$  and  $F_1$ .

If we measure the lengths  $ON$  and  $ON_1$  and also the



forces  $F$  and  $F_1$ , it will be found that the product  $F \cdot ON$  is always equal to the product  $F_1 \cdot ON_1$ .

Hence the two forces,  $F$  and  $F_1$ , will have equal but opposite tendencies to turn the body about  $O$  if their moments about  $O$  have the same magnitude.

**60. Positive and negative moments.** In Art. 57 the force  $F$  would, if it were the only force acting on the lamina, make it turn in a direction opposite to that in which the hands of a watch move, when the watch is laid on the table with its face upwards.

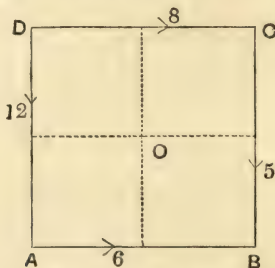
The force  $F_1$  would, if it were the only force acting on the lamina, make it turn in the same direction as that in which the hands of the watch move.

The moment of  $F$  about  $O$  is said to be *positive*, and the moment of  $F_1$  about  $O$  is said to be *negative*.

**61. Algebraic sum of moments.** The algebraic sum of

the moments of a set of forces about a given point is the sum of the moments of the forces, each moment having its proper sign prefixed to it.

**Ex.** *ABCD* is a square; along the sides *AB*, *CB*, *DC*, and *DA* forces act equal respectively to 6, 5, 8, and 12 lbs. wt. Find the algebraic sum of their moments about the centre, *O*, of the square, if the side of the square be 4 feet.



The forces along *DA* and *AB* tend to turn the square about *O* in the positive direction whilst the forces along the sides *DC* and *CB* tend to turn it in the negative direction.

The perpendicular distance of *O* from each force is 2 feet.

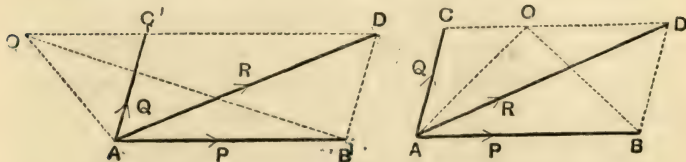
Hence the moments of the forces are respectively

$$+6 \times 2, -5 \times 2, -8 \times 2, \text{ and } +12 \times 2.$$

Their algebraic sum is therefore  $2[6 - 5 - 8 + 12]$  or 10 units of moment, *i.e.* 10 times the moment of a force equal to 1 lb. wt. acting at the distance of 1 foot from *O*.

**62. Theorem.** *The algebraic sum of the moments of any two forces about any point in their plane is equal to the moment of their resultant about the same point.*

**Case I.** Let the forces meet in a point.



Let  $P$  and  $Q$  acting at the point  $A$  be the two forces and  $O$  the point about which the moments are taken. Draw  $OC$  parallel to the direction of  $P$  to meet the line of action of  $Q$  in the point  $C$ .

Let  $AC$  represent  $Q$  in magnitude and on the same scale let  $AB$  represent  $P$ ; complete the parallelogram  $ABDC$ , and join  $OA$  and  $OB$ . Then  $AD$  represents the resultant,  $R$ , of  $P$  and  $Q$ .

( $\alpha$ ) If  $O$  be without the angle  $DAC$ , as in the first figure, we have to shew that

$$2\triangle OAB + 2\triangle OAC = 2\triangle OAD.$$

Since  $AB$  and  $OD$  are parallel, we have

$$\triangle OAB = \triangle DAB = \triangle ACD. \quad [\text{Euc. I. 37}]$$

$$\therefore 2\triangle OAB + 2\triangle OAC = 2\triangle ACD + 2\triangle OAC = 2\triangle OAD.$$

( $\beta$ ) If  $O$  be within the angle  $CAD$ , as in the second figure, we have to shew that

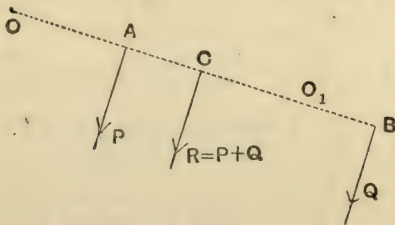
$$2\triangle AOB - 2\triangle AOC = 2\triangle AOD.$$

As in ( $\alpha$ ), we have

$$\triangle AOB = \triangle DAB = \triangle ACD.$$

$$\therefore 2\triangle AOB - 2\triangle AOC = 2\triangle ACD - 2\triangle AOC = 2\triangle AOD.$$

**Case II.** Let the forces be parallel.



Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two parallel forces and  $R (= P + Q)$  their resultant.

From any point  $O$  in their plane draw  $OACB$  perpendicular to the forces to meet them in  $A$ ,  $C$ , and  $B$  respectively.

By Art. 53 we have  $P \cdot AC = Q \cdot CB \dots\dots\dots(1)$

$\therefore$  the sum of the moments of  $P$  and  $Q$  about  $O$

$$\begin{aligned} &= Q \cdot OB + P \cdot OA \\ &= Q (OC + CB) + P (OC - AC) \\ &= (P + Q) OC + Q \cdot CB - P \cdot AC \\ &= (P + Q) \cdot OC, \text{ by equation (1),} \\ &= \text{moment of the resultant about } O. \end{aligned}$$

If the point about which the moments are taken be between the forces, as  $O_1$ , the moments of  $P$  and  $Q$  have opposite signs.

In this case we have

Algebraic sum of moments of  $P$  and  $Q$  about  $O_1$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P \cdot O_1A - Q \cdot O_1B \\ &= P (O_1C + CA) - Q (CB - O_1C) \\ &= (P + Q) \cdot O_1C + P \cdot CA - Q \cdot CB \\ &= (P + Q) \cdot O_1C, \text{ by equation (1).} \end{aligned}$$

The case when the point has any other position, as also the case when the forces have opposite parallel directions, are left for the student to prove for himself.

**63.** Case I. of the preceding proposition may be otherwise proved in the following manner:

Let the two forces,  $P$  and  $Q$ , be represented by  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively and let  $AD$  represent the resultant  $R$  so that  $ABDC$  is a parallelogram.

Let  $O$  be any point in the plane of the forces. Join  $OA$  and draw  $BL$  and  $CM$ , parallel to  $OA$ , to meet  $AD$  in  $L$  and  $M$  respectively.

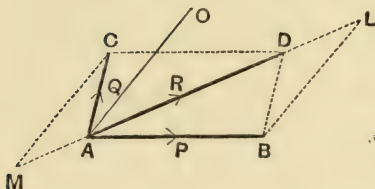
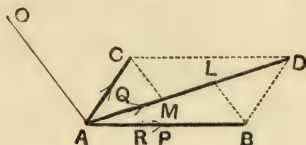


Since the sides of the triangle  $ACM$  are respectively parallel to the sides of the triangle  $DBL$ , and since  $AC$  is equal to  $BD$ ,

$$\therefore AM = LD,$$

$$\therefore \triangle OAM = \triangle OLD. \quad [\text{Euc. I. 38}]$$

First, let  $O$  fall without the angle  $CAD$ , as in the first figure.



Then

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\triangle OAB + 2\triangle OAC \\ &= 2\triangle OAL + 2\triangle OAM \\ &= 2\triangle OAL + 2\triangle OLD \\ &= 2\triangle OAD. \end{aligned} \quad [\text{Euc. I. 37}]$$

Hence the sum of the moments of  $P$  and  $Q$  is equal to that of  $R$ .

Secondly, let  $O$  fall within the angle  $CAD$ , as in the second figure.

The algebraic sum of the moments of  $P$  and  $Q$  about  $O$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2\triangle OAB - 2\triangle OAC \\ &= 2\triangle OAL - 2\triangle OAM \\ &= 2\triangle OAL - 2\triangle OLD \\ &= 2\triangle OAD \\ &= \text{moment of } R \text{ about } O. \end{aligned} \quad [\text{Euc. I. 37}]$$

**64.** If the point  $O$  about which the moments are taken lie on the resultant the moment of the resultant about the point vanishes. In this case the algebraic sum of the moments of the component forces about the given point

vanishes, *i.e.* *The moments of two forces about any point on the line of action of their resultant are equal and of opposite sign.*

The student will easily be able to prove this theorem independently from a figure; for, in Art. 62, the point  $O$  will be found to coincide with the point  $D$  and we have only to shew that the triangles  $ACO$  and  $ABO$  are now equal, and this is obviously true.

**65. Generalised theorem of moments.** *If any number of forces in one plane acting on a rigid body have a resultant, the algebraic sum of their moments about any point in their plane is equal to the moment of their resultant.*

For let the forces be  $P, Q, R, S, \dots$  and let  $O$  be the point about which the moments are taken.

Let  $P_1$  be the resultant of  $P$  and  $Q$ ,

$P_2$  be the resultant of  $P_1$  and  $R$ ,

$P_3$  be the resultant of  $P_2$  and  $S$ ,

and so on till the final resultant is obtained.

Then the moment of  $P_1$  about  $O$  = sum of the moments of  $P$  and  $Q$  (Art. 62);

Also the moment of  $P_2$  about  $O$  = sum of the moments of  $P_1$  and  $R$

= sum of the moments of  $P, Q$ , and  $R$ .

So the moment of  $P_3$  about  $O$

= sum of the moments of  $P_2$  and  $S$

= sum of the moments of  $P, Q, R$ , and  $S$ ,

and so on until all the forces have been taken.

Hence the moment of the final resultant

= algebraic sum of the moments of the component forces.

**Cqr.** It follows, similarly as in Art. 64, that the algebraic sum of the moments of any number of forces about a

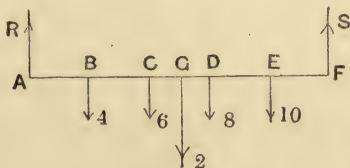
point on the line of action of their resultant is zero; so, conversely, if the algebraic sum of the moments of any number of forces about any point in their plane vanishes, then, *either* their resultant is zero (in which case the forces are in equilibrium), *or* the resultant passes through the point about which the moments are taken.

**66.** The theorem of the previous article enables us to find points on the line of action of the resultant of a system of forces. For we have only to find a point about which the algebraic sum of the moments of the system of forces vanishes, and then the resultant must pass through that point. This principle is exemplified in Examples 2 and 3 of the following article.

If we have a system of parallel forces the resultant is known both in magnitude and direction when one such point is known.

**67. Ex. 1.** A rod, 5 feet long, supported by two vertical strings attached to its ends has weights of 4, 6, 8 and 10 lbs. hung from the rod at distances of 1, 2, 3 and 4 feet from one end. If the weight of the rod be 2 lbs., what are the tensions of the strings?

Let  $AF$  be the rod,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  and  $E$  the points at which the weights



are hung; let  $G$  be the middle point; we shall assume that the weight of the rod acts here.

Let  $R$  and  $S$  be the tensions of the strings. Since the resultant of the forces is zero, its moment about  $A$  must be zero.

Hence, by Art. 65, the algebraic sum of the moments about  $A$  must vanish.

Therefore  $4 \times 1 + 6 \times 2 + 2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} + 8 \times 3 + 10 \times 4 - S \times 5 = 0$ ,

$$\therefore 5S = 4 + 12 + 5 + 24 + 40 = 85,$$

$$\therefore S = 17.$$

Similarly, taking moments about  $F$ , we have

$$5R = 10 \times 1 + 8 \times 2 + 2 \times 2\frac{1}{2} + 6 \times 3 + 4 \times 4 = 65,$$

$$\therefore R = 13.$$

The reaction  $R$  may be otherwise obtained. For the resultant of the weights is a weight equal to 30 lbs. and that of  $R$  and  $S$  is a force equal to  $R + S$ . But these resultants balance one another.

$$\therefore R + S = 30;$$

$$\therefore R = 30 - S = 30 - 17 = 13.$$

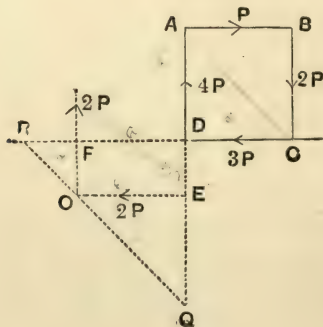
**Ex. 2.** Forces equal to  $P$ ,  $2P$ ,  $3P$ , and  $4P$  act along the sides of a square  $ABCD$  taken in order; find the magnitude, direction, and line of action of the resultant.

Let the side of the square be  $a$ .

The forces  $P$  and  $3P$  are, by Art. 53, equal to a parallel force  $2P$  acting at  $E$  where  $DE$  is  $\frac{a}{2}$ .

The forces  $4P$  and  $2P$  are, similarly, equal to a force  $2P$  acting at a point  $F$  on  $CD$  where  $DF$  is  $a$ .

Let the lines of action of these two components meet in  $O$ . Then the final resultant is equal to  $2P\sqrt{2}$  acting in a direction parallel to  $CA$ .



**Otherwise thus;** without making any geometric construction (which is often tedious) the line of action of the resultant force can be easily obtained by using the theorem of Art. 65.

Let the line of action meet  $AD$  and  $CD$  in  $Q$  and  $R$ .

Since  $Q$  is a point on the line of action of the resultant the algebraic sum of the moments of the four forces about  $Q$  must be zero;

$$\therefore P(DQ + a) + 2P(a) = 3P \cdot DQ;$$

$$\therefore DQ = \frac{3a}{2}.$$

So for the point  $R$  we have

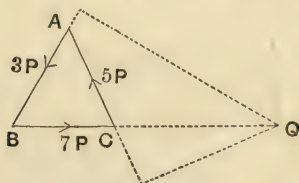
$$P \cdot a + 2P(RD + a) = 4P \cdot RD;$$

$$\therefore RD = \frac{3a}{2}.$$

Also the components of the forces perpendicular to  $CD$  are  $4P - 2P$ , i.e.  $2P$ , and the components parallel to  $CD$  are  $3P - P$ , i.e.  $2P$ . Hence the magnitude of the resultant is  $2\sqrt{2}P$ .

**Ex. 3.** Forces equal to  $3P$ ,  $7P$ , and  $5P$  act along the sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$  and  $CA$  of an equilateral triangle  $ABC$ ; find the magnitude, direction, and line of action of the resultant.

Let the side of the triangle be  $a$ , and let the resultant force meet



the side  $BC$  in  $Q$ . Then, by Art. 65, the moments of the forces about  $Q$  vanish.

$$\therefore 3P \times (QC + a) \sin 60^\circ = 5P \times QC \sin 60^\circ.$$

$$\therefore QC = \frac{3a}{2}.$$

The sum of the components of the forces perpendicular to  $BC$

$$= 5P \sin 60^\circ - 3P \sin 60^\circ = P\sqrt{3}.$$

Also the sum of the components in the direction  $BC$

$$= 7P - 5P \cos 60^\circ - 3P \cos 60^\circ = 3P.$$

Hence the resultant is  $P\sqrt{12}$  inclined at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ , i.e.  $30^\circ$ , to  $BC$  and passing through  $Q$  where  $CQ = \frac{3}{4}BC$ .



## EXAMPLES. VIII.

1. The side of a square  $ABCD$  is 4 feet; along the lines  $CB$ ,  $BA$ ,  $DA$  and  $DB$ , respectively act forces equal to 4, 3, 2 and 5 lbs. weight; find to the nearest decimal of a foot-pound the algebraic sum of the moments of the forces about  $C$ .

2. The side of a regular hexagon  $ABCDEF$  is 2 feet; along the sides  $AB$ ,  $CB$ ,  $DC$ ,  $DE$ ,  $EF$  and  $FA$  act forces respectively equal to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 lbs. wt.; find the algebraic sum of the moments of the forces about  $A$ .

3. A pole of 20 feet length is placed with its end on a horizontal plane and is pulled by a string, attached to its upper end and inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizon, whose tension is equal to 30 lbs. wt.; find the horizontal force which applied at a point 4 feet above the ground will keep the pole in a vertical position.

4. A uniform iron rod is of length 6 feet and mass 9 lbs., and from its extremities are suspended masses of 6 and 12 lbs. respectively; from what point must the rod be suspended so that it may remain in a horizontal position?

5. A uniform beam is of length 12 feet and weight 50 lbs., and from its ends are suspended bodies of weights 20 and 30 lbs. respectively; at what point must the beam be supported so that it may remain in equilibrium?

6. Masses of 1 lb., 2 lbs., 3 lbs., and 4 lbs. are suspended from a uniform rod, of length 5 ft., at distances of 1 ft., 2 ft., 3 ft., and 4 ft. respectively from one end. If the mass of the rod be 4 lbs., find the position of the point about which it will balance.

7. A uniform rod, 4 ft. in length and weighing 2 lbs., turns freely about a point distant one foot from one end and from that end a weight of 10 lbs. is suspended. What weight must be placed at the other end to produce equilibrium?

8. A heavy uniform beam, 10 feet long, whose mass is 10 lbs., is supported at a point 4 feet from one end; at this end a mass of 6 lbs. is placed; find the mass which, placed at the other end, would give equilibrium.

9. The horizontal roadway of a bridge is 30 feet long, weighs 6 tons, and rests on similar supports at its ends. What is the pressure borne by each support when a carriage, of weight 2 tons, is (1) half-way across, (2) two-thirds of the way across?

10. A light rod,  $AB$ , 20 inches long, rests on two pegs whose distance apart is 10 inches. How must it be placed so that the pressures on the pegs may be equal when weights of  $2W$  and  $3W$  respectively are suspended from  $A$  and  $B$ ?

11. A light rod, of length 3 feet, has equal weights attached to it, one at 9 inches from one end and the other at 15 inches from the other end; if it be supported by two vertical strings attached to its ends and if the strings cannot support a tension greater than the weight of 1 cwt., what is the greatest magnitude of the equal weights?

12. A heavy uniform beam, whose mass is 40 lbs., is suspended in a horizontal position by two vertical strings each of which can sustain a tension of 35 lbs. weight. How far from the centre of the beam must a body, of mass 20 lbs., be placed so that one of the strings may just break?

13. A uniform bar,  $AB$ , 10 feet long and of mass 50 lbs., rests on the ground. If a mass of 100 lbs. be laid on it at a point, distant 3 feet from  $B$ , find what vertical force applied to the end  $A$  will just begin to lift that end.

14. A rod, 16 inches long, rests on two pegs, 9 inches apart, with its centre midway between them. The greatest masses that can be suspended in succession from the two ends without disturbing the equilibrium are 4 lbs. and 5 lbs. respectively. Find the weight of the rod and the position of the point at which its weight acts.

15. A straight rod, 2 feet long, is movable about a hinge at one end and is kept in a horizontal position by a thin vertical string attached to the rod at a distance of 8 inches from the hinge and fastened to a fixed point above the rod; if the string can just support a mass of 9 ozs. without breaking, find the greatest mass that can be suspended from the other end of the rod, neglecting the weight of the rod.

16. A tricycle, weighing 5 stone 4 lbs., has a small wheel symmetrically placed 3 feet behind two large wheels which are 3 feet apart; if the centre of gravity of the machine be at a horizontal distance of 9 inches behind the front wheels and that of the rider, whose weight is 9 stone, be 3 inches behind the front wheels, find the pressures on the ground of the different wheels.

17. A front-steering tricycle, of weight 6 stone, has a small wheel symmetrically placed 3 ft. 6 ins. in front of the line joining the two large wheels which are 3 feet apart; if the centre of gravity of the machine be distant horizontally 1 foot in front of the hind wheels and that of the rider, whose weight is 11 stone, be 6 inches in front of the hind wheels, find how the weight is distributed on the different wheels.

18. A dog-cart, loaded with 4 cwt., exerts a pressure on the horse's back equal to 10 lbs. wt.; find the position of the centre of gravity of the load if the distance between the pad and the axle be 6 feet.

19. Forces of 3, 4, 5 and 6 lbs. wt. respectively act along the sides of a square  $ABCD$  taken in order; find the magnitude, direction, and line of action of their resultant.

20.  $ABCD$  is a square; along  $AB$ ,  $CB$ ,  $AD$  and  $DC$  equal forces,  $P$ , act; find their resultant.

21.  $ABCD$  is a square the length of whose side is one foot; along  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $DC$ , and  $AD$  act forces proportional to 1, 2, 4 and 3 respectively; shew that the resultant is parallel to a diagonal of the square and find where it cuts the sides of the square.

22.  $ABCD$  is a rectangle of which adjacent sides  $AB$  and  $BC$  are equal to 3 and 4 feet respectively; along  $AB$ ,  $BC$  and  $CD$  forces of 30, 40, and 50 lbs. wt. act; find the resultant.

23. Three forces  $P$ ,  $2P$ , and  $3P$  act along the sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $CA$  of a given equilateral triangle  $ABC$ ; find the magnitude and direction of their resultant, and find also the point in which its line of action meets the side  $BC$ .

24.  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle whose angle  $A$  is  $120^\circ$  and forces of magnitude 1, 1, and  $\sqrt{3}$  lbs. wt. act along  $AB$ ,  $AC$ , and  $BC$ ; shew that the resultant bisects  $BC$  and is parallel to one of the other sides of the triangle.

25. Forces proportional to  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $2CA$  act along the sides of a triangle  $ABC$  taken in order; shew that the resultant is represented in magnitude and direction by  $CA$  and that its line of action meets  $BC$  at a point  $X$  where  $CX$  is equal to  $BC$ .

26.  $ABC$  is a triangle and  $D$ ,  $E$  and  $F$  are the middle points of the sides; forces represented by  $AD$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}BE$  and  $\frac{1}{3}CF$  act on a particle at the point where  $AD$  and  $BE$  meet; shew that the resultant is represented in magnitude and direction by  $\frac{1}{3}AC$  and that its line of action divides  $BC$  in the ratio 2 : 1.

27. Three forces act along the sides of a triangle; shew that, if the sum of two of the forces be equal in magnitude but opposite in sense to the third force, then the resultant of the three forces passes through the centre of the inscribed circle of the triangle.

28. The wire passing round a telegraph pole is horizontal and the two portions attached to the pole are inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to one another. The pole is supported by a wire attached to the middle point of the pole and inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the horizon; shew that the tension of this wire is  $4\sqrt{3}$  times that of the telegraph wire.

29. At what height from the base of a pillar must the end of a rope of given length be fixed so that a given force acting at the other end may have the greatest tendency to make the pillar overturn? [The free end of the rope is at the level of the ground.]

30. The magnitude of a force is known and also its moments about two given points  $A$  and  $B$ . Find, by a geometrical construction, its line of action.

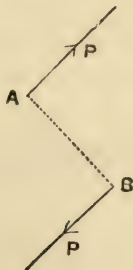
31. Find the locus of all points in a plane such that two forces given in magnitude and position shall have equal moments, in the same sense, round any one of these points.

32.  $AB$  is a diameter of a circle and  $BP$  and  $BQ$  are chords at right angles to one another; shew that the moments of forces represented by  $BP$  and  $BQ$  about  $A$  are equal.

## CHAPTER VI.

### COUPLES.

**68. Def.** Two equal unlike parallel forces, whose lines of action are not the same, form a couple.



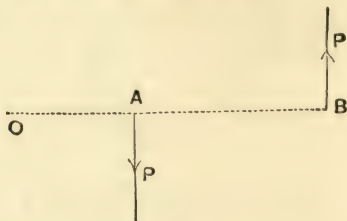
The Arm of a couple is the perpendicular distance between the lines of action of the two forces which form the couple, *i.e.* is the perpendicular drawn from any point lying on the line of action of one of the forces upon the line of action of the other. Thus the arm of the couple ( $P, P$ ) is the length  $AB$ .

The Moment of a couple is the product of one of the forces forming the couple and the arm of the couple.

In the figure the moment of the couple is  $P \times AB$ .

**69. Theorem.** *The algebraic sum of the moments of the two forces forming a couple about any point in their plane is constant, and equal to the moment of the couple.*

Let the couple consist of two forces, each equal to  $P$ , and let  $O$  be any point in their plane.



Draw  $OAB$  perpendicular to the lines of action of the forces to meet them in  $A$  and  $B$  respectively.

The algebraic sum of the moments of the forces about  $O$

$$= P \cdot OB - P \cdot OA = P(OB - OA) = P \cdot AB$$

= the moment of the couple, and is therefore the same whatever be the point  $O$  about which the moments are taken.

**70. Theorem.** *Two couples, acting in one plane upon a rigid body, whose moments are equal and opposite, balance one another.*

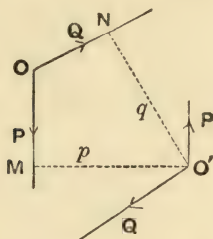
Let one couple consist of two forces  $(P, P)$ , acting at the ends of an arm  $p$ , and let the other couple consist of two forces  $(Q, Q)$ , acting at the ends of an arm  $q$ .

**Case I.** Let one of the forces  $P$  meet one of the forces  $Q$  in a point  $O$ , and let the other two forces meet in  $O'$ . From  $O'$  draw perpendiculars,  $O'M$  and  $O'N$ , upon the forces which do not pass through  $O'$ , so that the lengths of these perpendiculars are  $p$  and  $q$  respectively.



Since the moments of the couples are equal in magnitude, we have

$$P \cdot p = Q \cdot q, \text{ i.e., } P \cdot O'M = Q \cdot O'N.$$



Hence, (Art. 64),  $O'$  is on the line of action of the resultant of  $P$  and  $Q$  acting at  $O$ , so that  $OO'$  is the direction of this resultant.

Similarly, the resultant of  $P$  and  $Q$  at  $O'$  is in the direction  $O'O$ .

Also these resultants are equal in magnitude; for the forces at  $O$  are respectively equal to, and act at the same angle as, the forces at  $O'$ .

Hence these two resultants destroy one another, and therefore the four forces composing the two couples are in equilibrium.

**Case II.** Let the forces composing the couples be all parallel, and let any straight line perpendicular to their directions meet them in the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ , as in the figure, so that, since the moments are equal, we have

$$P \cdot AB = Q \cdot CD \dots\dots\dots(i).$$

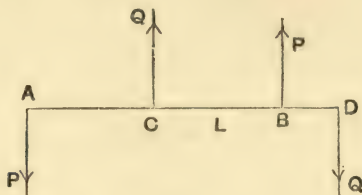
Let  $L$  be the point of application of the resultant of  $Q$  at  $C$  and  $P$  at  $B$ , so that

$$P \cdot BL = Q \cdot CL \dots\dots\dots(ii).$$

By subtracting (ii) from (i), we have

$$P \cdot AL = Q \cdot LD,$$

so that  $L$  is the point of application of the resultant of  $P$  at  $A$ , and  $Q$  at  $D$ .



But the magnitude of each of these resultants is  $(P + Q)$ , and they have opposite directions; hence they are in equilibrium.

Therefore the four forces composing the two couples balance.

**71.** Since two couples in the same plane, of equal but opposite moment, balance, it follows, by reversing the directions of the forces composing one of the couples, that

*Any two couples of equal moment in the same plane are equivalent.*

It follows also that two like couples of equal moment are equivalent to a couple of double the moment.

**72. Theorem.** *Any number of couples in the same plane acting on a rigid body are equivalent to a single couple, whose moment is equal to the algebraic sum of the moments of the couples.*

For let the couples consist of forces  $(P, P)$  whose arm is  $p$ ,  $(Q, Q)$  whose arm is  $q$ ,  $(R, R)$  whose arm is  $r$ , etc. Replace the couple  $(Q, Q)$  by a couple whose components

have the same lines of action as the forces  $(P, P)$ . The magnitude of each of the forces of this latter couple will be  $X$ , where  $X \cdot p = Q \cdot q$ , (Art. 71)

so that 
$$X = Q \frac{q}{p}.$$

So let the couple  $(R, R)$  be replaced by a couple  $\left(R \frac{r}{p}, R \frac{r}{p}\right)$ , whose forces act in the same lines as the forces  $(P, P)$ .

Similarly for the other couples.

Hence all the couples are equivalent to a couple, each of whose forces is  $P + Q \frac{q}{p} + R \frac{r}{p} + \dots$  acting at an arm  $p$ .

The moment of this couple is

$$\left(P + Q \frac{q}{p} + R \frac{r}{p} + \dots\right) \cdot p,$$

*i.e.*,  $P \cdot p + Q \cdot q + R \cdot r + \dots$

Hence the original couples are equivalent to a single couple, whose moment is equal to the sum of their moments.

If all the component couples have not the same sign we must give to each moment its proper sign, and the same proof will apply.

### EXAMPLES. IX.

1.  $ABCD$  is a square whose side is 2 feet; along  $AB, BC, CD$  and  $DA$  act forces equal to 1, 2, 8, and 5 lbs. wt., and along  $AC$  and  $DB$  forces equal to  $5\sqrt{2}$  and  $2\sqrt{2}$  lbs. wt.; shew that they are equivalent to a couple whose moment is equal to 16 foot-pounds weight.

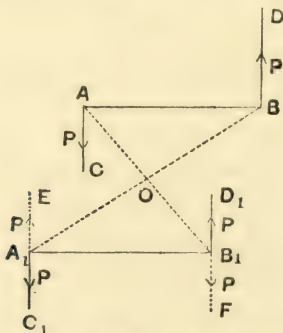
2. Along the sides  $AB$  and  $CD$  of a square  $ABCD$  act forces each equal to 2 lbs. weight, whilst along the sides  $AD$  and  $CB$  act forces each equal to 5 lbs. weight; if the side of the square be 3 feet, find the moment of the couple that will give equilibrium.

3.  $ABCDEF$  is a regular hexagon; along the sides  $AB$ ,  $CB$ ,  $DE$  and  $FE$  act forces respectively equal to 5, 11, 5, and 11 lbs. weight, and along  $CD$  and  $FA$  act forces, each equal to  $x$  lbs. weight. Find  $x$ , if the forces be in equilibrium.

4. A horizontal bar  $AB$ , without weight, is acted upon by a vertical downward force of 1 lb. weight at  $A$ , a vertical upward force of 1 lb. weight at  $B$ , and a downward force of 5 lbs. weight at a given point  $C$  inclined to the bar at an angle of  $30^\circ$ . Find at what point of the bar a force must be applied to balance these, and find also its magnitude and direction.

**73. Theorem.** *The effect of a couple upon a rigid body is unaltered if it be transferred to any plane parallel to its own, the arm remaining parallel to its original position.*

Let the couple consist of two forces ( $P, P$ ), whose arm is  $AB$ , and let their lines of action be  $AC$  and  $BD$



Let  $A_1B_1$  be any line equal and parallel to  $AB$ .

Draw  $A_1C_1$  and  $B_1D_1$  parallel to  $AC$  and  $BD$  respectively.

At  $A_1$  introduce two equal and opposite forces, each equal to  $P$ , acting in the direction  $A_1C_1$  and the opposite direction  $A_1E$ .

At  $B_1$  introduce, similarly, two equal and opposite forces, each equal to  $P$ , acting in the direction  $B_1D_1$  and the opposite direction  $B_1F$ .

These forces will have no effect on the equilibrium of the body.

Join  $AB_1$  and  $A_1B$ , and let them meet in  $O$ ; then  $O$  is the middle point of both  $AB_1$  and  $A_1B$ .

The forces  $P$  at  $B$  and  $P$  acting along  $A_1E$  have a resultant  $2P$  acting at  $O$  parallel to  $BD$ .

The forces  $P$  at  $A$  and  $P$  acting along  $B_1F$  have a resultant  $2P$  acting at  $O$  parallel to  $AC$ .

These two resultants are equal and opposite, and therefore balance. Hence we have left the two forces  $(P, P)$  at  $A_1$  and  $B_1$  acting in the directions  $A_1C_1$  and  $B_1D_1$ , i.e., parallel to the directions of the forces of the original couple.

Also the plane through  $A_1C_1$  and  $B_1D_1$  is parallel to the plane through  $AC$  and  $BD$ .

Hence the theorem is proved.

**Cor.** From this proposition and Art. 71 we conclude that *A couple may be replaced by any other couple acting in a parallel plane, provided that the moments of the two couples are the same.*

**74. Theorem.** *A single force and a couple acting in the same plane upon a rigid body cannot produce equilibrium, but are equivalent to the single force acting in a direction parallel to its original direction.*

Let the couple consist of two forces, each equal to  $P$ , their lines of action being  $OB$  and  $O_1C$  respectively.

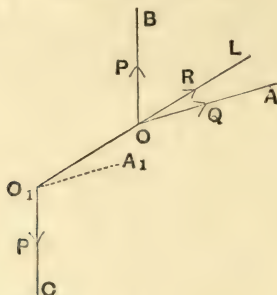
Let the single force be  $Q$ .

**Case I.** If  $Q$  be not parallel to the forces of the couple, let it be produced to meet one of them in  $O$ .

Then  $P$  and  $Q$ , acting at  $O$ , are equivalent to some force  $R$ , acting in some direction  $OL$  which lies between  $OA$  and  $OB$ .



Let  $OL$  be produced (backwards if necessary) to meet the other force of the couple in  $O_1$ , and let the point of application of  $R$  be transferred to  $O_1$ .



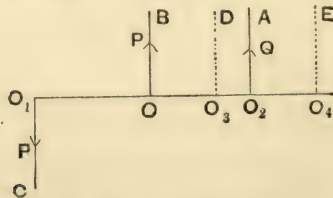
Draw  $O_1A_1$  parallel to  $OA$ .

Then the force  $R$  may be resolved into two forces  $Q$  and  $P$ , the former acting in the direction  $O_1A_1$ , and the latter in the direction opposite to  $O_1C$ .

This latter force  $P$  is balanced by the second force  $P$  of the couple acting in the direction  $O_1C$ .

Hence we have left as the resultant of the system a force  $Q$  acting in the direction  $O_1A_1$  parallel to its original direction  $OA$ .

**Case II.** Let the force  $Q$  be parallel to one of the forces of the couple.



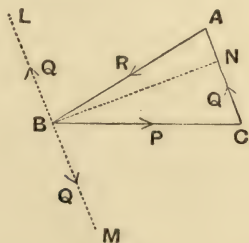
Let  $O_1O$  meet the force  $Q$  in  $O_2$ .

The parallel forces  $P$  at  $O$  and  $Q$  at  $O_2$  are, by Art. 53, equivalent to a force  $(P + Q)$  acting at some point  $O_3$  in a direction parallel to  $OB$ . The unlike parallel forces  $(P + Q)$  at  $O_3$  and  $P$  at  $O_1$  are, similarly, equivalent to a force  $Q$  acting at some point  $O_4$  in a direction parallel to  $O_3D$ .

Hence the resultant of the system is equal to the single force  $Q$  acting in a direction parallel to its original direction.

**75.** *If three forces, acting upon a rigid body, be represented in magnitude, direction, and line of action by the sides of a triangle taken in order, they are equivalent to a couple whose moment is represented by twice the area of the triangle.*

Let  $ABC$  be the triangle and  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  the forces, so that  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  are represented by the sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$  and  $AB$  of the triangle.



Through  $B$  draw  $LBM$  parallel to the side  $AC$ , and introduce two equal and opposite forces, equal to  $Q$ , at  $B$ , acting in the directions  $BL$  and  $BM$  respectively. By the triangle of forces (Art. 36) the forces  $P$ ,  $R$ , and  $Q$  acting in the straight line  $BL$ , are in equilibrium.

Hence we are left with the two forces, each equal to  $Q$ , acting in the directions  $CA$  and  $BM$  respectively.

These form a couple whose moment is  $Q \times BN$ , where  $BN$  is drawn perpendicular to  $CA$ .

Also  $Q \times BN = CA \times BN =$  twice the area of the triangle  $ABC$ .

**Cor.** In a similar manner it may be shewn that if a system of forces acting on one plane on a rigid body be represented in magnitude, direction, and line of action by the sides of the polygon, they are equivalent to a couple whose moment is represented by twice the area of the polygon.

## CHAPTER VII.

### EQUILIBRIUM OF A RIGID BODY ACTED ON BY THREE FORCES IN A PLANE.

**76.** IN the present chapter we shall discuss some simple cases of the equilibrium of a rigid body acted upon by three forces lying in a plane.

By the help of the theorem of the next article we shall find that the conditions of equilibrium reduce to those of a single particle.

**77. Theorem.** *If three forces, acting in one plane upon a rigid body, keep it in equilibrium, they must either meet in a point or be parallel.*

If the forces be not all parallel, at least two of them



must meet; let these two be  $P$  and  $Q$ , and let their directions meet in  $O$ .

The third force  $R$  shall then pass through the point  $O$ .

Since the algebraic sum of the moments of any number of forces about a point in their plane is equal to the moment of their resultant,

therefore the sum of the moments of  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  about  $O$  is equal to the moment of their resultant.

But this resultant vanishes since the forces are in equilibrium.

Hence the sum of the moments of  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  about  $O$  is zero.

But, since  $P$  and  $Q$  both pass through  $O$ , their moments about  $O$  vanish.

Hence the moment of  $R$  about  $O$  vanishes.

Hence by Art. 57, since  $R$  is not zero, its line of action must pass through  $O$ .

Hence the forces meet in a point.

**Otherwise.** The resultant of  $P$  and  $Q$  must be some force passing through  $O$ .

But, since the forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  are in equilibrium, this resultant must balance  $R$ .

But two forces cannot balance unless they have the same line of action.

Hence the line of action of  $R$  must pass through  $O$ .

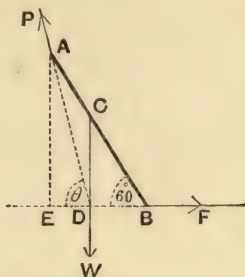
**78.** By the preceding theorem we see that the conditions of equilibrium of three forces, acting in one plane, are easily obtained. For the three forces must meet in a point; and by using Lami's Theorem, (Art. 40), or by resolving the forces in two directions at right angles, (Art. 48), we can obtain the required conditions.

**79. Ex. 1.** *A heavy uniform rod  $AB$  is hinged at  $A$  to a fixed point, and rests in a position inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal, being acted upon by a horizontal force  $F$  applied at the lower end  $B$ : find the action at the hinge and the magnitude of  $F$ .*

Let the vertical through  $C$ , the middle point of the rod, meet the horizontal line through  $B$  in the point  $D$  and let the weight of the rod be  $W$ .



There are only three forces acting on the rod, viz., the force  $F$ , the weight  $W$ , and the unknown reaction,  $P$ , of the hinge.



These three forces must therefore meet in a point.

Now  $F$  and  $W$  meet at  $D$ ; hence the direction of the action at the hinge must be the line  $DA$ .

Draw  $AE$  perpendicular to  $EB$ , and let the angle  $ADE$  be  $\theta$ .

Then 
$$\tan \theta = \frac{AE}{ED} = \frac{2AE}{EB} = 2 \tan 60^\circ = 2\sqrt{3}.$$

Also, by Lami's Theorem,

$$\frac{F}{\sin WDA} = \frac{W}{\sin ADB} = \frac{P}{\sin WDB},$$

i.e., 
$$\frac{F}{\sin (90^\circ + \theta)} = \frac{W}{\sin (180^\circ - \theta)} = \frac{P}{\sin 90^\circ}.$$

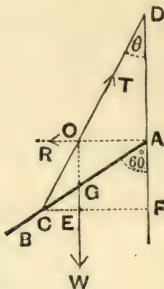
$$\therefore F = W \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = W \cot \theta = \frac{W}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{W}{6}\sqrt{3},$$

and 
$$P = W \frac{1}{\sin \theta} = W \sqrt{1 + \cot^2 \theta} = W \sqrt{\frac{13}{12}}.$$

**Ex. 2.** A uniform rod,  $AB$ , is inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the vertical with one end  $A$  resting against a smooth vertical wall, being supported by a string attached to a point  $C$  of the rod, distant 1 foot from  $B$ , and also to a ring in the wall vertically above  $A$ ; if the length of the rod be 4 feet, find the position of the ring and the inclination and tension of the string.

Let the perpendicular to the wall through  $A$  and the vertical line through the middle point,  $G$ , of the rod meet in  $O$ .

The third force, the tension  $T$  of the string, must therefore pass through  $O$ . Hence  $CO$  produced must pass through  $D$ , the position of the ring.



Let the angle  $CDA$  be  $\theta$ , and draw  $CEF$  horizontal to meet  $OG$  in  $E$  and the wall in  $F$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Then} \quad \tan \theta &= \tan COE = \frac{CE}{OE} = \frac{CG \sin CGE}{AF} \\ &= \frac{1 \cdot \sin 60^\circ}{3 \cdot \cos 60^\circ} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}. \\ \therefore \theta &= 30^\circ.\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore ACD = 60^\circ - \theta = 30^\circ.$$

Hence  $AD = AC = 3$  feet, giving the position of the ring.

If  $R$  be the reaction of the wall, and  $W$  be the weight of the beam, we have, since the forces are proportional to the sides of the triangle  $AOD$ ,

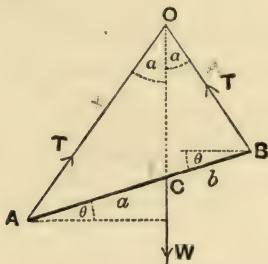
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{T}{OD} &= \frac{R}{AO} = \frac{W}{DA}. \\ \therefore T &= W \frac{OD}{DA} = \frac{W}{\cos 30^\circ} = W \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}},\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and} \quad R = W \frac{AO}{DA} = W \tan 30^\circ = W \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}.$$

**Ex. 3.** A rod whose centre of gravity divides it into two portions, whose lengths are  $a$  and  $b$ , has a string, of length  $l$ , tied to its two ends and the string is slung over a small smooth peg; find the position of equilibrium of the rod.

[N.B. The centre of gravity of a body is the point at which its weight may be assumed to act.]

Let  $AB$  be the rod and  $C$  its centre of gravity ; let  $O$  be the peg and let the lengths of the portions  $AO$  and  $OB$  of the string be  $x$  and  $y$  respectively.



Since there are only three forces acting on the body they must meet in a point.

But the two tensions pass through  $O$ ; hence the line of action of the weight  $W$  must pass through  $O$ , and hence the line  $CO$  must be vertical.

Now the tension  $T$  of the string is not altered, since the string passes round a smooth peg ; hence, since  $W$  balances the resultant of two equal forces, it must bisect the angle between them.

$$\therefore \angle AOC = \angle BOC = a \text{ (say).}$$

Hence 
$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{AC}{CB} = \frac{a}{b}. \quad (\text{Euc. VI. 3.})$$

Also 
$$x + y = l.$$

$\therefore$  solving these equations, we have

$$\frac{x}{a} = \frac{y}{b} = \frac{l}{a+b} \dots\dots\dots(i).$$

Also, from the triangle  $AOB$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (a+b)^2 &= x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \cos 2a = (x+y)^2 - 2xy (1 + \cos 2a) \\ &= (x+y)^2 - 4xy \cos^2 a = l^2 - 4 \frac{l^2 ab}{(a+b)^2} \cos^2 a. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \cos^2 a = \frac{l^2 - (a+b)^2}{4l^2} \frac{(a+b)^2}{ab} \dots\dots\dots(ii).$$

This equation gives  $a$ .

Let  $\theta$  be the inclination of the rod to the horizon, so that

$$OCA = 90^\circ + \theta.$$

From the triangle  $ACO$  we have

$$\frac{\sin(90^\circ + \theta)}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{AO}{AC} = \frac{x}{a} = \frac{l}{a+b}, \text{ by (i).}$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{l \sin \alpha}{a+b}, \text{ giving } \theta.$$

Also, by resolving the forces vertically, we have  $2T \cos \alpha = W$ , giving  $T$ .

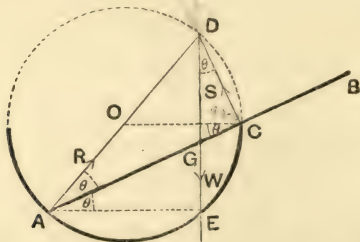
*Numerical Example.* If the length of the rod be 5 feet, the length of the string 7 feet, and if the centre of gravity of the rod divide it in the ratio 4 : 3, shew that the portions of the string are at right angles, that the inclination of the rod to the horizon is  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{7}$ , and that the tension of the string is to the weight of the rod as  $\sqrt{2} : 2$ .

**Ex. 4.** A heavy uniform rod, of length  $2a$ , rests partly within and partly without a fixed smooth hemispherical bowl, of radius  $r$ ; the rim of the bowl is horizontal, and one point of the rod is in contact with the rim; if  $\theta$  be the inclination of the rod to the horizon, shew that

$$2r \cos 2\theta = a \cos \theta.$$

Let the figure represent that vertical section of the hemisphere which passes through the rod.

Let  $AB$  be the rod,  $G$  its centre of gravity, and  $C$  the point where the rod meets the edge of the bowl.



The reaction at  $A$  is along the line to the centre,  $O$ , of the bowl; for  $AO$  is the only line through  $A$  which is perpendicular to the surface of the bowl at  $A$ .

Also the reaction at  $C$  is perpendicular to the rod; for this is the only direction that is perpendicular to both the rod and the rim of the bowl.

These two reactions meet in a point  $D$ ; also, by Euc. III. 31,  $D$  must lie on the geometrical sphere of which the bowl is a portion.

Hence the vertical line through  $G$ , the middle point of the rod, must pass through  $D$ .

Through  $A$  draw  $AE$  horizontal to meet  $DG$  in  $E$  and join  $OC$ .

Since  $OC$  and  $AE$  are parallel,

$$\therefore \angle OCA = \angle CAE = \theta.$$

Since  $OC = OA$ ,  $\therefore \angle OAC = \angle OCA = \theta$ .

Also  $\angle GDC = 90^\circ - DGC = \theta$ .

Now  $AE = AG \cos \theta = a \cos \theta$ ,

and  $AE = AD \cos 2\theta = 2r \cos 2\theta$ .

$$\therefore 2r \cos 2\theta = a \cos \theta, \text{ giving } \theta.$$

Also, by Lami's Theorem, if  $R$  and  $S$  be the reactions at  $A$  and  $C$ , we have

$$\frac{R}{\sin \theta} = \frac{S}{\sin ADG} = \frac{W}{\sin ADC},$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{R}{\sin \theta} = \frac{S}{\cos 2\theta} = \frac{W}{\cos \theta}.$$

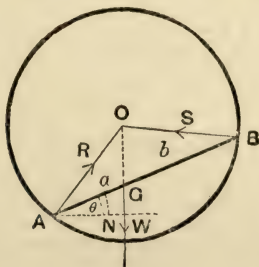
*Numerical Example.* If  $r = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}a$ , then we have  $\theta = 30^\circ$ , and

$$R = S = W \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}.$$

**Ex. 5.** A beam whose centre of gravity divides it into two portions,  $a$  and  $b$ , is placed inside a smooth sphere; shew that, if  $\theta$  be its inclination to the horizon in the position of equilibrium and  $2\alpha$  be the angle subtended by the beam at the centre of the sphere, then

$$\tan \theta = \frac{b-a}{b+a} \tan \alpha.$$

In this case both the reactions,  $R$  and  $S$ , at the ends of the rod





pass through the centre,  $O$ , of the sphere. Hence the centre of gravity,  $G$ , of the rod must be vertically below  $O$ .

Let  $OG$  meet the horizontal line through  $A$  in  $N$ .

$$\text{Now} \quad \angle OAB = \angle OBA = \frac{1}{2}(180^\circ - \angle AOB) = 90^\circ - \alpha.$$

$$\therefore \angle AOG = 90^\circ - \angle OAN = 90^\circ - (90^\circ - \alpha + \theta) = \alpha - \theta,$$

and

$$\angle BOG = 2\alpha - AOG = \alpha + \theta.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{b} &= \frac{AG}{GB} = \frac{AG}{GO} \cdot \frac{GO}{GB} \\ &= \frac{\sin AOG}{\sin OAG} \cdot \frac{\sin OBG}{\sin GOB} = \frac{\sin AOG}{\sin GOB} \\ &= \frac{\sin(\alpha - \theta)}{\sin(\alpha + \theta)} = \frac{\tan \alpha - \tan \theta}{\tan \alpha + \tan \theta}. \\ \therefore \frac{a+b}{b-a} &= \frac{\tan \alpha}{\tan \theta}. \\ \therefore \tan \theta &= \frac{b-a}{b+a} \tan \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

This equation gives  $\theta$ .

Also, by Lami's Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R}{\sin BOG} &= \frac{S}{\sin AOG} = \frac{W}{\sin AOB}. \\ \therefore \frac{R}{\sin(\alpha + \theta)} &= \frac{S}{\sin(\alpha - \theta)} = \frac{W}{\sin 2\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

giving the reactions.

*Numerical Example.* If the rod be of weight 40 lbs., and subtend a right angle at the centre of the sphere, and if its centre of gravity divide it in the ratio 1 : 2, shew that its inclination to the horizon is  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$ , and that the reactions are  $8\sqrt{5}$  and  $16\sqrt{5}$  lbs. weight respectively.

## EXAMPLES. X.

1. A uniform rod,  $AB$ , of weight  $W$ , is movable in a vertical plane about a hinge at  $A$ , and is sustained in equilibrium by a weight  $P$  attached to a string  $BCP$  passing over a smooth peg  $C$ ,  $AC$  being vertical; if  $AC$  be equal to  $AB$ , shew that  $P = W \cos \angle ACB$ .

2. A uniform rod can turn freely about one of its ends, and is pulled aside from the vertical by a horizontal force acting at the other end of the rod and equal to half its weight; at what inclination to the vertical will the rod rest?

3. A rod  $AB$ , hinged at  $A$ , is supported in a horizontal position by a string  $BC$ , making an angle of  $45^\circ$  with the rod, and the rod has a mass of 10 lbs. suspended from  $B$ . Neglecting the weight of the rod, find the tension of the string and the action at the hinge.

4. A uniform heavy rod  $AB$  has the end  $A$  in contact with a smooth vertical wall, and one end of a string is fastened to the rod at a point  $C$ , such that  $AC = \frac{1}{4}AB$ , and the other end of the string is fastened to the wall; find the length of the string, if the rod rest in a position inclined at an angle to the vertical.

5.  $ACB$  is a uniform rod, of weight  $W$ ; it is supported ( $B$  being uppermost) with its end  $A$  against a smooth vertical wall  $AD$  by means of a string  $CD$ ,  $DB$  being horizontal and  $CD$  inclined to the wall at an angle of  $30^\circ$ . Find the tension of the string and the pressure on the wall, and prove that  $AC = \frac{1}{2}AB$ .

6. A uniform rod,  $AB$ , resting with one end  $A$  against a smooth vertical wall is supported by a string  $BC$  which is tied to a point  $C$  vertically above  $A$  and to the other end  $B$  of the rod. Draw a diagram shewing the lines of action of the forces which keep the rod in equilibrium, and shew that the tension of the string is greater than the weight of the rod.

7. A uniform beam  $AB$ , of given length, is supported with its extremity,  $A$ , in contact with a smooth wall by means of a string  $CD$  fastened to a known point  $C$  of the beam and to a point  $D$  of the wall; if the inclination of the beam to the wall be given, shew how to find by geometrical construction the length of the string  $CD$  and the height of  $D$  above  $A$ .

For the problem to be possible, shew that the given angle  $BAD$  must be acute or obtuse according as  $AC$  is less or greater than  $\frac{1}{2}AB$ .

8. A uniform rod, of length  $a$ , hangs against a smooth vertical wall being supported by means of a string, of length  $l$ , tied to one end of the rod, the other end of the string being attached to a point in the wall; shew that the rod can rest inclined to the wall at an angle  $\theta$  given by  $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{l^2 - a^2}{3a^2}$ . What are the limits of the ratio of  $a : l$  that equilibrium may be possible?

9. Equal weights  $P$  and  $P$  are attached to two strings  $ACP$  and  $BCP$  passing over a smooth peg  $C$ .  $AB$  is a heavy beam, of weight  $W$ , whose centre of gravity is  $a$  feet from  $A$  and  $b$  feet from  $B$ ; shew that  $AB$  is inclined to the horizon at an angle

$$\tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{a-b}{a+b} \tan \left( \sin^{-1} \frac{W}{2P} \right) \right].$$

10. A heavy uniform beam is hung from a fixed point by two strings attached to its extremities; if the lengths of the strings and beam be as 2 : 3 : 4, shew that the tensions of the strings and the weight of the beam are as 2 : 3 :  $\sqrt{10}$ .

11. A heavy uniform rod, 15 inches long, is suspended from a fixed point by strings fastened to its ends, their lengths being 9 and 12 inches; if  $\theta$  be the angle at which the rod is inclined to the vertical, shew that  $25 \sin \theta = 24$ .

12. A straight uniform rod, of weight 3 lbs., is suspended from a peg by two strings, attached at one end to the peg and at the other to the extremities of the rod; the angle between the strings is a right angle and one is twice as long as the other; find their tensions.

13. Two equal heavy spheres, of 1 inch radius, are in equilibrium within a smooth spherical cup of 3 inches radius. Shew that the action between the cup and one sphere is double that between the two spheres.

14. A sphere, of given weight  $W$ , rests between two smooth planes, one vertical and the other inclined at a given angle  $\alpha$  to the vertical; find the reactions of the planes.

15. A solid sphere rests upon two parallel bars which are in the same horizontal plane, the distance between the bars being equal to the radius of the sphere; find the reaction of each bar.

16. A smooth sphere is supported in contact with a smooth vertical wall by a string fastened to a point on its surface, the other end being attached to a point in the wall; if the length of the string be equal to the radius of the sphere, find the inclination of the string to the vertical, the tension of the string, and the reaction of the wall.

17. A picture of given weight, hanging vertically against a smooth wall, is supported by a string passing over a smooth peg driven into the wall; the ends of the string are fastened to two points in the upper rim of the frame which are equidistant from the centre of the rim, and the angle at the peg is  $60^\circ$ ; compare the tension in this case with what it will be when the string is shortened to two-thirds of its length.

18. A picture, of 40 lbs. wt., is hung, with its upper and lower edges horizontal, by a cord fastened to the two upper corners and passing over a nail, so that the parts of the cord at the two sides of the nail are inclined to one another at an angle of  $60^\circ$ . Find the tension of the cord in lbs. weight.

19. A picture hangs symmetrically by means of a string passing over a nail and attached to two rings in the picture; what is the tension of the string when the picture weighs 10 lbs., if the string be 4 feet long and the nail distant 1 ft. 6 inches from the horizontal line joining the rings?

20. A picture frame, rectangular in shape, rests against a smooth vertical wall, from two points in which it is suspended by parallel strings attached to two points in the upper edge of the back of the frame, the length of each string being equal to the height of the frame. Shew that, if the centre of gravity of the frame coincide with its centre of figure, the picture will hang against the wall at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{b}{3a}$  to the vertical, where  $a$  is the height and  $b$  the thickness of the picture.

21. It is required to hang a picture on a vertical wall so that it may rest at a given inclination,  $\alpha$ , to the wall and be supported by a cord attached to a point in the wall at a given height  $h$  above the lowest edge of the picture; determine, by a geometrical construction, the point on the back of the picture to which the cord is to be attached and find the length of the cord that will be required.

22. A rod rests wholly within a smooth hemispherical bowl, of radius  $r$ , its centre of gravity dividing the rod into two portions of lengths  $a$  and  $b$ . Shew that, if  $\theta$  be the inclination of the rod to the horizon in the position of equilibrium, then  $\sin \theta = \frac{b-a}{2\sqrt{r^2-ab}}$ , and find the reactions between the rod and the bowl.

23. In a smooth hemispherical cup is placed a heavy rod, equal in length to the radius of the cup, the centre of gravity of the rod being one-third of its length from one end; shew that the angle made by the rod with the vertical is  $\tan^{-1}(3\sqrt{3})$ .

24. A uniform rod, 4 inches in length, is placed with one end inside a smooth hemispherical bowl, of which the axis is vertical and the radius  $\sqrt{3}$  inches; shew that a quarter of the rod will project over the edge of the bowl.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS OF EQUILIBRIUM OF A RIGID BODY ACTED ON BY FORCES IN ONE PLANE.

**80. Theorem.** *Any system of forces, acting in one plane upon a rigid body, can be reduced to either a single force or a single couple.*

By the parallelogram of forces any two forces, whose directions meet, can be compounded into one force; also, by Art. 53, two parallel forces can be compounded into one force provided they are not equal and unlike.

First compound together all the parallel forces, or sets of parallel forces, of the given system.

Of the resulting system take any two forces, not forming a couple, and find their resultant  $R_1$ ; next find the resultant  $R_2$  of  $R_1$  and a suitable third force of the system; then determine the resultant of  $R_2$  and a suitable fourth force of the system; and so on until all the forces have been exhausted.

Finally, we must either arrive at a single force, or we shall have two equal parallel unlike forces forming a couple.

**81. Theorem.** *If a system of forces act in one plane upon a rigid body, and if the algebraic sum of their moments about each of three points in the plane (not lying in the same straight line) vanish separately, the system of forces is in equilibrium.*

For any such system of forces, by the last article, reduces to either a single force or a single couple.



In our case they cannot reduce to a single couple; for, if they did, the sum of their moments about any point in their plane would, by Art. 69, be equal to a constant which is *not* zero, and this is contrary to our hypothesis.

Hence the system of forces cannot reduce to a single couple.

The system must therefore either be in equilibrium or reduce to a single force  $F$ .

Let the three points about which the moments are taken be  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ .

Since the algebraic sum of the moments of a system of forces is equal to that of their resultant, therefore the moment of  $F$  about the point  $A$  must be zero.

Hence  $F$  is either zero, or passes through  $A$ .

Similarly, since the moment of  $F$  about  $B$  vanishes,  $F$  must be either zero or must pass through  $B$ , *i.e.*,  $F$  is either zero or acts in the line  $AB$ .

Finally, since the moment about  $C$  vanishes,  $F$  must be either zero or pass through  $C$ .

But (since the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  are *not* in the same straight line) the force cannot act along  $AB$  and also pass through  $C$ .

Hence the only admissible case is that  $F$  should be zero, *i.e.*, that the forces should be in equilibrium.

**82. Theorem.** *A system of forces, acting in one plane upon a rigid body, is in equilibrium, if the sum of their components parallel to each of two lines in their plane be zero, and if the algebraic sum of their moments about any point be zero also.*

For any such system of forces, by Art. 80, can be reduced to either a single force or a single couple.

In our case they cannot reduce to a single force.

For, since the sums of the components of the forces parallel to two lines in their plane are separately zero, therefore the components of their resultant force parallel to these two lines are zero also, and therefore the resultant force vanishes.

Neither can the forces reduce to a single couple ; for, if they did, the moment of this couple about any point in its plane would be equal to a constant which is *not* zero ; this, however, is contrary to our hypothesis.

Hence the system of forces must be in equilibrium.

**83.** It will be noted that in the enunciation of the last article nothing is said about the directions in which we are to resolve. In practice, however, it is almost always desirable to resolve along two directions at right angles.

Hence the conditions of equilibrium of any system of forces, acting in one plane upon a rigid body, may be obtained as follows ;

**I. Equate to zero the algebraic sum of the resolved parts of all the forces in some fixed direction.**

**II. Equate to zero the algebraic sum of the resolved parts of all the forces in a perpendicular direction.**

**III. Equate to zero the algebraic sum of the moments of the forces about any point in their plane.**

The above three statical relations, together with the geometrical relations holding between the component portions of a system, will, in general, be sufficient to determine the equilibrium of any system acted on by forces which are in one plane.

In applying the preceding conditions of equilibrium to any particular case, great simplifications can often be intro-

duced into the equations by properly choosing the directions along which we resolve. In general, the horizontal and vertical directions are the most suitable.

Again, the position of the point about which we take moments is important; it should be chosen so that as few of the forces as possible are introduced into the equation of moments.

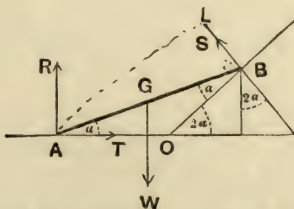
**84.** We have shewn that the conditions given in the previous article are sufficient for the equilibrium of the system of forces; they are also necessary.

Suppose we knew only that the first two conditions were satisfied. The system of forces might then reduce to a single couple; for the forces of this couple, being equal and opposite, are such that their components in any direction would vanish. In this case the forces would not be in equilibrium unless the third condition were satisfied.

Suppose, again, that we knew only that the components of the system along one given line vanished and that the moments about a given point vanished also; in this case the forces might reduce to a single force through the given point perpendicular to the given line; hence we see that it is necessary to have the sum of the components parallel to another line zero also.

**85. Ex. 1.** *A heavy uniform beam rests with one end upon a horizontal plane, and the other end upon a given inclined plane; it is kept in equilibrium by a string which is attached to the end resting on the horizontal plane and to the intersection of the inclined and horizontal planes; given that the inclination ( $\alpha$ ) of the beam to the horizontal is one half that of the inclined plane, find the tension of the string and the reactions of the planes.*

Let  $AB$  be the beam,  $AO$  the horizontal, and  $OB$  the inclined plane.



Let  $T$  be the tension of the string  $AO$ ,  $W$  the weight of the body,  $R$  and  $S$  the reactions at  $A$  and  $B$  respectively vertical and perpendicular to  $OB$ .

Resolving horizontally and vertically we have

$$T = S \sin 2\alpha \dots\dots\dots (1),$$

$$W = R + S \cos 2\alpha \dots\dots\dots (2).$$

Also, taking moments about *A*, we have

$$W \cdot a \cos \alpha = S \cdot AB \sin ABL = S \cdot 2a \cos \alpha \dots\dots\dots (3),$$

where  $2\alpha$  is the length of the beam.

These three equations give the circumstances of the equilibrium.

From (3), we have  $S = \frac{1}{2}W$ .

$\therefore$  from (2),  $R = W - \frac{1}{2}W \cos 2\alpha = W (1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos 2\alpha)$ .

Also, from (1),

$$T = \frac{W}{2} \sin 2\alpha.$$

Hence the reactions and the tension of the string are determined.

Suppose that, instead of the inclination of the beam to the horizon being given, the length of the string were given ( $=l$  say).

Let us assume the inclination of the beam to the horizon to be  $\theta$ .

The equations (1) and (2) remain the same as before.

The equation of moments would be, however,

$$\begin{aligned} W \cdot a \cos \theta &= S \cdot AB \sin ABL = S \cdot 2a \cos ABO \\ &= S \cdot 2a \cos (2\alpha - \theta) \dots\dots\dots (4). \end{aligned}$$

We should have a geometrical equation to determine  $\theta$ , viz.,

$$\frac{l}{2a} = \frac{OA}{AB} = \frac{\sin ABO}{\sin AOB} = \frac{\sin (2\alpha - \theta)}{\sin 2\alpha} \dots\dots\dots (5).$$

This latter equation determines  $\theta$ , and then the equations (1), (2), and (4) would give  $T$ ,  $R$ , and  $S$ .

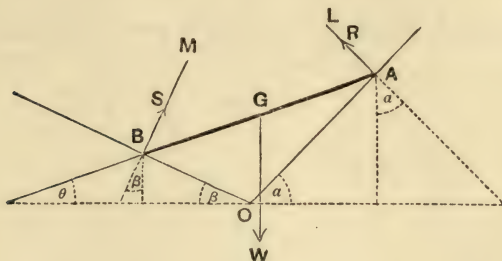
This question might have been solved by resolving along and perpendicular to the beam; in each equation we should then have involved each of the quantities  $T$ ,  $R$ ,  $S$ , and  $W$ , so that the resulting equations would have been more complicated than those above.

It was also desirable to take moments about *A*; for this is the only convenient point in the figure through which pass two of the forces which act on the body.

**Ex. 2.** *A beam whose centre of gravity divides it into portions, of lengths  $a$  and  $b$  respectively, rests in equilibrium with its ends resting on two smooth planes inclined at angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively to the horizon, the planes intersecting in a horizontal line; find the inclination of the beam to the horizon and the pressures on the planes.*

Let the planes be *OA* and *OB*, and let *AB* be the rod, whose centre of gravity is *G*, so that *GA* and *GB* are  $a$  and  $b$  respectively.

Let  $R$  and  $S$  be the reactions at  $A$  and  $B$  perpendicular to the inclined planes, and let  $\theta$  be the inclination of the beam to the horizon.



Resolving vertically and horizontally, we have

$$R \cos \alpha + S \cos \beta = W \dots\dots\dots(1),$$

$$R \sin \alpha = S \sin \beta \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

Also, by taking moments about  $G$ , we have

$$R \cdot GA \sin GAL = S \cdot GB \sin GBM.$$

Now  $\angle GAL = 90^\circ - BAO = 90^\circ - (\alpha - \theta),$

and  $\angle GBM = 90^\circ - ABO = 90^\circ - (\beta + \theta).$

Hence the equation of moments becomes

$$R \cdot a \cos (\alpha - \theta) = S \cdot b \cos (\beta + \theta) \dots\dots\dots(3).$$

From (2), we have

$$\frac{R}{\sin \beta} = \frac{S}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{R \cos \alpha + S \cos \beta}{\sin \beta \cos \alpha + \sin \alpha \cos \beta} = \frac{W}{\sin (\alpha + \beta)}, \text{ by (1).}$$

These equations give  $R$  and  $S$ ; also substituting for  $R$  and  $S$  in (3) we have

$$a \sin \beta \cos (\alpha - \theta) = b \sin \alpha \cos (\beta + \theta);$$

$$\therefore a \sin \beta (\cos \alpha \cos \theta + \sin \alpha \sin \theta) = b \sin \alpha (\cos \beta \cos \theta - \sin \beta \sin \theta);$$

$$\therefore \sin \alpha \sin \beta (a + b) \sin \theta = \cos \theta (b \sin \alpha \cos \beta - a \cos \alpha \sin \beta);$$

$$\therefore (a + b) \tan \theta = b \cot \beta - a \cot \alpha,$$

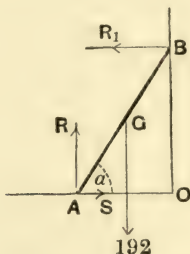
giving the value of  $\theta$ .

Since there are only three forces acting on the body this question might have been solved by the methods of the last chapter.



**Ex. 3.** A ladder, whose weight is 192 lbs. and whose length is 25 feet, rests with one end against a smooth vertical wall and with the other end upon the ground; if it be prevented from slipping by a peg at its lowest point, and if the lowest point be distant 7 feet from the wall, find the reactions of the peg, the ground, and the wall.

Let  $AB$  be the rod and  $G$  its middle point; let  $R$  and  $R_1$  be the



reactions of the ground and wall, and  $S$  the horizontal reaction of the peg. Let the angle  $GAO$  be  $\alpha$ , so that

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{AO}{AB} = \frac{7}{25}.$$

Hence 
$$\sin \alpha = \sqrt{1 - \frac{49}{625}} = \sqrt{\frac{576}{625}} = \frac{24}{25}.$$

Equating to zero the horizontal and vertical components of the forces acting on the rod, we have

$$R - 192 = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(1),$$

and

$$R_1 - S = 0 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

Also, taking moments about  $A$ , we have

$$192 \times AG \cos \alpha = R_1 \times AB \sin \alpha \quad \dots\dots\dots(3);$$

$$\therefore R_1 = 192 \times \frac{1}{2} \cot \alpha = 96 \times \frac{7}{24} = 28.$$

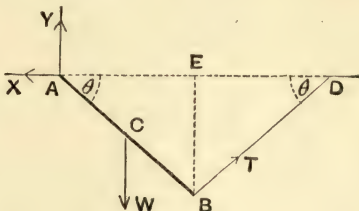
Hence, from (2), 
$$S = 28,$$

and, from (1), 
$$R = 192.$$

Hence the required reactions are 28, 192, and 28 lbs. weight respectively.

**Ex. 4.** One end of a uniform rod is attached to a hinge, and the other end is supported by a string attached to the extremity of the rod, and the rod and string are inclined at the same angle,  $\theta$ , to the horizontal; if  $W$  be the weight of the rod, shew that the action at the hinge is  $\frac{W}{4} \sqrt{8 + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta}$ .

Let  $AB$  be the rod,  $C$  its middle point, and  $BD$  the string meeting the horizontal line through  $A$  in  $D$ .



Let the tension of the string be  $T$ .

The action at the hinge is unknown both in magnitude and direction.

Let the horizontal and vertical components of this action be  $X$  and  $Y$ , as marked in the figure. Draw  $BE$  perpendicular to  $AD$ . Then  $AD = 2AE = 2AB \cos \theta$ .

Resolving horizontally and vertically, we have

$$X = T \cos \theta \quad \dots\dots\dots(1),$$

$$Y + T \sin \theta = W \quad \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

Also, taking moments about  $A$ , we have

$$W \cdot AC \cos \theta = T \cdot AD \sin \theta = T \cdot 2AB \cos \theta \sin \theta \quad \dots\dots(3).$$

From (3), 
$$T = W \frac{AC}{2AB \sin \theta} = \frac{W}{4 \sin \theta}.$$

Hence, by (1) and (2), we have

$$X = \frac{W}{4} \cot \theta,$$

and

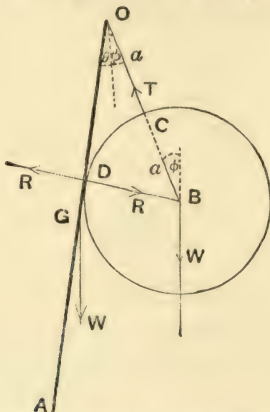
$$Y = W - \frac{W}{4} = \frac{3W}{4}.$$

Therefore the action at the hinge  $= \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$

$$= \frac{W}{4} \sqrt{9 + \cot^2 \theta} = \frac{W}{4} \sqrt{8 + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta}.$$

**Ex. 5.** A uniform heavy rod can turn freely about one end, which is fixed; to this end is attached a string which supports a sphere of radius  $a$ . If the length of the rod be  $4a$ , the length of the string  $a$ , and the weights of the sphere and rod be each  $W$ , find the inclinations of the rod and string to the vertical and the tension of the string.

Let  $OA$  be the rod,  $OC$  the string,  $B$  the centre of the sphere, and  $D$  the point in which the rod touches the sphere.



Between the sphere and the rod at  $D$  there is a reaction,  $R$ , perpendicular to  $OD$ , acting in opposite directions on the two bodies.

Since there are only three forces acting on the sphere they must meet in a point, viz., the centre of the sphere. Hence  $OCB$  is a straight line.

Let  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be the inclination of the rod and string to the vertical.

$$\text{Then} \quad \sin(\theta + \phi) = \frac{DB}{OB} = \frac{a}{2a} = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$\text{so that} \quad \theta + \phi = 30^\circ \dots\dots\dots(1).$$

The forces acting on the rod are the reaction at  $D$ , the weight of the rod, and the action at the hinge  $O$ .

If we take moments about  $O$  we shall avoid this action, and we have

$$W \cdot 2a \sin \theta = R \cdot OD = R \cdot 2a \cos 30^\circ \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

From the conditions of equilibrium of the sphere, we have

$$\frac{T}{\sin(\phi + 60^\circ)} = \frac{R}{\sin \phi} = \frac{W}{\sin 60^\circ} \dots\dots\dots(3).$$

Therefore, from (2) and (3), we have

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos 30^\circ} = \frac{R}{W} = \frac{\sin \phi}{\sin 60^\circ}.$$

$\therefore \phi = \theta$ , and hence, from (1), we have

$$\theta = \phi = 15^\circ.$$

Substituting in (3), we have

$$T = W \frac{\sin 75^\circ}{\sin 60^\circ} = W \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{W}{6} (3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}),$$

and

$$R = W \frac{\sin 15^\circ}{\sin 60^\circ} = W \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{W}{6} (3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{6}).$$

### EXAMPLES. XI.

1. A uniform beam,  $AB$ , whose weight is  $W$ , rests with one end,  $A$ , on a smooth horizontal plane  $AC$ . The other end,  $B$ , rests on a plane  $CB$  inclined to the former at an angle of  $60^\circ$ . If a string  $CA$ , equal to  $CB$ , prevent motion, find its tension.

2. A ladder, of weight  $W$ , rests with one end against a smooth vertical wall and with the other resting on a smooth floor; if the inclination of the ladder to the horizon be  $60^\circ$ , find the horizontal force that must be applied to the lower end to prevent the ladder from sliding down.

3. A beam, of weight  $W$ , is divided by its centre of gravity  $C$  into two portions  $AC$  and  $BC$ , whose lengths are  $a$  and  $b$  respectively. The beam rests in a vertical plane on a smooth floor  $AD$  and against a smooth vertical wall  $DB$ . A string is attached to a hook at  $D$  and to the beam at a point  $P$ . If  $T$  be the tension of the string, and  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  be the inclinations of the beam and string respectively to the horizon,

shew that

$$T = W \frac{a \cos \theta}{(a+b) \sin (\theta - \phi)}.$$

4. A ladder rests at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon, with its ends resting on a smooth floor and against a smooth vertical wall, the lower end being attached by a string to the junction of the wall and floor; find the tension of the string.

Find also the tension of the string when a man, whose weight is one-half that of the ladder, has ascended the ladder two-thirds of its length.

5. One end of a uniform beam, of weight  $W$ , is placed on a smooth horizontal plane; the other end, to which a string is fastened, rests against another smooth plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon; the string, passing over a pulley at the top of the inclined plane, hangs vertically, and supports a weight  $P$ ; shew that the beam will rest in all positions if  $2P = W \sin \alpha$ .

6. A heavy uniform beam rests with its extremities on two smooth inclined planes, which meet in a horizontal line, and whose inclinations to the horizon are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ; find its inclination to the horizon in the position of equilibrium, and the reactions of the planes.

7. A uniform beam rests with a smooth end against the junction of the ground and a vertical wall, and is supported by a string fastened to the other end of the beam and to a staple in the wall. Find the tension of the string, and shew that it will be one-half the weight of the beam if the length of the string be equal to the height of the staple above the ground.

8. A uniform rod  $BC$ , of weight 2 lbs., can turn freely about  $B$  and is supported by a string, 8 inches long, attached to a point  $A$  in the same horizontal line as  $B$ , the distance  $AB$  being 10 inches. If the rod be 6 inches long, find the tension of  $AC$ .

9. A uniform rod has its upper end fixed to a hinge and its other end attached by a string to a fixed point in the same horizontal plane as the hinge, the length of the string being equal to the distance between the fixed point and the hinge. If the tension of the string be equal to the weight  $W$  of the rod, shew that the rod is inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$ , and that the action of the hinge is equal to a force  $\frac{W}{5} \sqrt{10}$  inclined at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$  to the horizon.

10. A rod is movable in a vertical plane about a hinge at one end, and at the other end is fastened a weight equal to half the weight of the rod; this end is fastened by a string, of length  $l$ , to a point at a height  $c$  vertically over the hinge. Shew that the tension of the string is  $\frac{lW}{c}$ , where  $W$  is the weight of the rod.

11.  $AB$  is a uniform rod, of length  $8a$ , which can turn freely about the end  $A$ , which is fixed;  $C$  is a smooth ring, whose weight is twice that of the rod, which can slide on the rod, and is attached by a string  $CD$  to a point  $D$  in the same horizontal plane as the point  $A$ ; if  $AD$  and  $CD$  be each of length  $a$ , find the position of the ring and the tension of the string when the system is in equilibrium.

Shew also that the action on the rod at the fixed end  $A$  is a horizontal force equal to  $\sqrt{3}W$ , where  $W$  is the weight of the rod.

12. A rigid wire, without weight, in the form of the arc of a circle subtending an angle  $\alpha$  at its centre, and having two weights  $P$  and  $Q$  at its extremities, rests with its convexity downwards upon a horizontal plane; shew that, if  $\theta$  be the inclination to the vertical of the radius to the end at which  $P$  is suspended, then

$$\tan \theta = \frac{Q \sin \alpha}{P + Q \cos \alpha}.$$



13. A smooth hemispherical bowl, of diameter  $a$ , is placed so that its edge touches a smooth vertical wall; a heavy uniform rod is in equilibrium, inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the horizon, with one end resting on the inner surface of the bowl, and the other end resting against the wall; shew that the length of the rod must be  $a + \frac{a}{\sqrt{13}}$ .

14. A cylindrical vessel, of height 4 inches and diameter 3 inches, stands upon a horizontal plane, and a smooth uniform rod, 9 inches long, is placed within it resting against the edge. Find the actions between the rod and the vessel, the weight of the former being 6 ounces.

15. A thin ring, of radius  $R$  and weight  $W$ , is placed round a vertical cylinder of radius  $r$  and prevented from falling by a nail projecting horizontally from the cylinder. Find the horizontal reactions between the cylinder and the ring.

16. A heavy carriage wheel, of weight  $W$  and radius  $r$ , is to be dragged over an obstacle, of height  $h$ , by a horizontal force  $F$  applied to the centre of the wheel; shew that  $F$  must be slightly greater than

$$W \frac{\sqrt{2rh - h^2}}{r - h}.$$

17. A uniform beam, of length  $2a$ , rests in equilibrium, against a smooth vertical wall and upon a peg at a distance  $b$  from the wall; shew that the inclination of the beam to the vertical is

$$\sin^{-1} \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

18. A circular disc,  $BCD$ , of radius  $a$  and weight  $W$ , is supported by a smooth band, of inappreciable weight and thickness, which surrounds the disc along the arc  $BCD$  and is fastened at its extremities to the point  $A$  in a vertical wall, the portion  $AD$  touching the wall and the plane of the disc being at right angles to the wall. If the length of the band not in contact with the disc be  $2b$ , shew that the tension of the band is  $\frac{W}{2} \frac{a^2 + b^2}{b^2}$ , and find the reaction at  $D$ .

19. Two equal uniform heavy straight rods are connected at one extremity by a string and rest upon two smooth pegs in the same horizontal line, one rod upon one peg and the other upon the other; if the distance between the pegs be equal to the length of each rod and the length of the string be half the same, shew that the rods rest at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizon given by  $2 \cos^3 \theta = 1$ .

20. A uniform rod, whose weight is  $W$ , is supported by two fine strings, one attached to each end, which, after passing over small fixed smooth pulleys, carry weights  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  respectively at the other ends. Shew that the rod is inclined to the horizon at an angle

$$\sin^{-1} \frac{w_1^2 - w_2^2}{W \sqrt{2(w_1^2 + w_2^2) - W^2}}.$$

21. A uniform rod, of weight  $W$ , is supported in equilibrium by a string, of length  $2l$ , attached to its ends and passing over a smooth peg. If a weight  $W'$  be now attached to one end of the rod, shew that it can be placed in another position of equilibrium by sliding a length  $\frac{lW'}{W+W'}$  of the string over the peg.

22.  $AB$  is a straight rod, of length  $2a$  and weight  $\lambda W$ , with the lower end  $A$  on the ground at the foot of a vertical wall  $AC$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  being at the same vertical height  $2b$  above  $A$ ; a heavy ring, of weight  $W$ , is free to move along a string, of length  $2l$ , which joins  $B$  and  $C$ . If the system be in equilibrium with the ring at the middle point of the string, shew that

$$l^2 = a^2 - b^2 \frac{\lambda(\lambda+2)}{(\lambda+1)^2}.$$

23. A given square board  $ABCD$ , of side  $b$ , is supported horizontally by two given loops of string  $OACO$  and  $OBDO$  passing under opposite corners and hung over a fixed hook  $O$ ; find the tensions of the strings, if the height of  $O$  above the board be  $b$ .

24. A gate weighing 100 lbs. is hung on two hinges, 3 feet apart, in a vertical line which is distant 4 feet from the centre of gravity of the gate. Find the magnitude of the reactions at each hinge on the assumption that the whole of the weight of the gate is borne by the lower hinge.

25. A triangle, formed of three rods, is fixed in a horizontal position and a homogeneous sphere rests on it; shew that the reaction on each rod is proportional to its length.

26. A light triangular frame  $ABC$  stands in a vertical plane,  $C$  being uppermost, on two supports,  $A$  and  $B$ , in the same horizontal line and a mass of 18 lbs. weight is suspended from  $C$ . If  $AB=AC=18$  feet, and  $BC=5$  feet, find the reactions of the supports.

27. The sides of a triangular framework are 13, 20, and 21 inches in length; the longest side rests on a horizontal smooth table and a weight of 63 lbs. is suspended from the opposite angle. Find the tension in the side on the table.

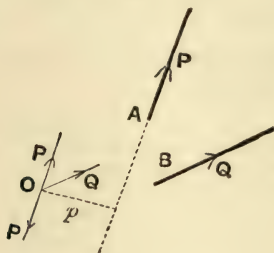
28. A bowl is formed from a hollow sphere, of radius  $a$ , and is so placed that the radius of the sphere drawn to each point in the rim makes an angle  $\alpha$  with the vertical, whilst the radius drawn to a point  $A$  of the bowl makes an angle  $\beta$  with the vertical; if a smooth uniform rod remain at rest with one end at  $A$  and a point of its length in contact with the rim, shew that the length of the rod is

$$4a \sin \beta \sec \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}.$$

**86.** In the following articles the conditions of equilibrium enunciated in Art. 83 will be obtained in a slightly different manner.

**\*87. Theorem.** *Any system of forces, acting in one plane upon a rigid body, is equivalent to a force acting at an arbitrary point of the body together with a couple.*

Let  $P$  be any force of the system acting at a point  $A$  of the body, and let  $O$  be any arbitrary point. At  $O$  introduce



two equal and opposite forces, the magnitude of each being  $P$ , and let their line of action be parallel to that of  $P$ . These do not alter the state of equilibrium of the body.

The force  $P$  at  $A$  and the opposite parallel force  $P$  at  $O$  form a couple of moment  $P.p$ , where  $p$  is the perpendicular from  $O$  upon the line of action of the original force  $P$ .

Hence the force  $P$  at  $A$  is equivalent to a parallel force  $P$  at  $O$  and a couple of moment  $P.p$ .

So the force  $Q$  at  $B$  is equivalent to a parallel force  $Q$  at  $O$  and to a couple of moment  $Q.q$ , where  $q$  is the perpendicular from  $O$  on the line of action of  $Q$ .

The same holds for each of the system of forces.

Hence the original system of forces is equivalent to forces  $P, Q, R \dots$  acting at  $O$ , parallel to their original

directions, and a number of couples; these are equivalent to a single resultant force at  $O$ , and a single resultant couple of moment

$$P.p + Q.q + \dots\dots\dots$$

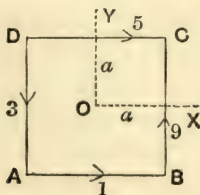
**\*38.** By Art. 74 a force and a couple cannot balance unless each is zero.

Hence the resultant of  $P, Q, R, \dots$  at  $O$  must be zero, and therefore, by Art. 48, *the sum of their resolved parts in two directions must separately vanish.*

Also the moment  $Pp + Qq + \dots$  must be zero, *i.e., the algebraic sum of the moments of the forces about an arbitrary point  $O$  must vanish also.*

**\*39. Ex.**  $ABCD$  is a square; along the sides  $AB, BC, DC$  and  $DA$  act forces equal to 1, 9, 5, and 3 lbs. weight; find the force, passing through the centre of the square, and the couple which are together equivalent to the given system.

Let  $O$  be the centre of the square and let  $OX$  and  $OY$  be perpendicular to the sides  $BC, CD$  respectively. Let the side of the square be  $2a$ .



The force 9 is equivalent to a force 9 along  $OY$  together with a couple of moment  $9.a$ .

The force 3 is equivalent to a force  $-3$  along  $OY$  together with a couple of moment  $3.a$ .

The force 5 is equivalent to a force 5 along  $OX$  together with a couple of moment  $-5.a$ .

The force 1 is equivalent to a force 1 along  $OX$  together with a couple of moment  $1.a$ .

Hence the moment of the resultant couple is  $9a + 3a - 5a + 1.a$ , *i.e.,  $8.a$ .*



The component force along  $OX$  is 6 and the component along  $OY$  is 6.

Hence the resultant force is one of  $6\sqrt{2}$  lbs. weight inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the side  $AB$ .

## EXAMPLES. XII.

1. A square is acted upon by forces equal to 2, 4, 6, and 8 lbs. weight along its sides taken in order; find the resultant force and the resultant couple of these forces, when the resultant force goes through the centre of the square.

2.  $ABCD$  is a square; along  $DA$ ,  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DB$  act forces equal to  $P$ ,  $3P$ ,  $5P$ ,  $7P$ , and  $9\sqrt{2}P$ ; find the force, passing through  $A$ , and the couple, which are together equivalent to the system.

3. Forces equal to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 lbs. weight respectively act along the sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ ,  $DE$ ,  $EF$  and  $FA$  of a regular hexagon; find the force, passing through  $A$ , and the couple, which are together equivalent to the system.

4. Given in position a force equal to 10 lbs. weight and a couple consisting of two forces, each equal to 4 lbs. weight, at a distance of 2 inches asunder, draw the equivalent single force.

## Constrained body.

90. A body is said to be constrained when one or more points of the body are fixed. For example, a rod attached to a wall by a ball-socket has one point fixed and is constrained.

If a rigid body have two points  $A$  and  $B$  fixed, all the points of the body in the line  $AB$  are fixed, and the only way in which the body can move is by turning round  $AB$  as an axis. For example, a door attached to the door-post by two hinges can only turn about the line joining the hinges.

If a body have three points in it fixed, the three points not being in the same straight line, it is plainly immovable.

The only cases we shall consider are (1) when the body has one point fixed and is acted upon by a system of forces lying in a plane passing through the fixed point,



and (2) when the body can only move about a fixed axis in it and is acted upon by a system of forces whose directions are perpendicular to the axis.

**91.** *When a rigid body has one point fixed, and is acted upon by a system of forces in a plane passing through the point, it will be in equilibrium if the algebraic sum of the moments of the forces about the fixed point vanishes.*

When a body has one point  $O$  fixed, there must be exerted at the point some force of constraint,  $F$ , which together with the given system of forces is in equilibrium. Hence the conditions of equilibrium of Art. 83 must apply.

If we resolve along two directions at right angles, we shall have two equations to determine the magnitude and direction of the force  $F$ .

If we take moments about  $O$  for all the forces, the force  $F$  (since it passes through  $O$ ) does not appear in our equation, and hence the equation of moments of Art. 83 will become an equation expressing the fact that the algebraic sum of the moments of the given system of forces about  $O$  is zero.

Hence for the equilibrium of the body (unless we wish to find the force of constraint  $F$ ) we have only to express that the algebraic sum of the moments of the forces about the fixed point  $O$  is zero.

**92. Ex.** *A rod  $AB$  has one end  $A$  fixed, and is kept in a horizontal position by a force equal to 10 lbs. weight acting at  $B$  in a direction inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the rod; if the rod be homogeneous, and of length 4 feet, find its weight.*

The moment of the weight about  $A$  must be equal to the moment of the force about  $A$ .

If  $W$  be the weight, the former moment is  $W \times 2$ , and the latter is  $10 \times 4 \sin 30^\circ$ .

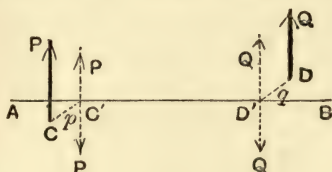
$$\therefore 2W = 10 \times 4 \sin 30^\circ = 20.$$

$$\therefore W = 10 \text{ lbs. wt.}$$

**93.** *When a rigid body has an axis fixed, and is acted upon by forces, whose directions are perpendicular to this axis, it will be in equilibrium if the algebraic sum of the moments of the forces about the fixed axis vanishes.*

[If a force be perpendicular to a given axis and do not meet it, its moment about the axis is the product of the force and the perpendicular distance between the axis and the force.]

Suppose  $AB$  to be the fixed axis in the body, and let the body be acted on by forces  $P, Q \dots$ ; these forces need



not be parallel but their directions must be perpendicular to the axis.

Draw  $CC'$  perpendicular to both the axis and  $P$ , and  $DD'$  perpendicular to the axis and  $Q$ ; let their lengths be  $p$  and  $q$ .

At  $C'$  introduce two equal and opposite forces, each equal to  $P$ , one of these being parallel to the original force  $P$ .

The force  $P$  at  $C$  and the two forces  $(P, P)$  at  $C'$  are equivalent to a force  $P$ , parallel to the original  $P$ , and a couple of moment  $P \cdot p$ .

Similarly, the force  $Q$  at  $D$  is equivalent to a force  $Q$  at  $D'$  and a couple of moment  $Q \cdot q$ .

Similarly for the other forces.

The forces, since they intersect the axis, can have no effect in turning the body about the axis and are balanced by the forces of constraint applied to the axis.

The couples are, by Arts. 72 and 73, equivalent to a couple



and 
$$x = \frac{80}{\sqrt{2}-1} = 80(\sqrt{2}+1)$$
  

$$= 193.1 \text{ lbs. wt.}$$

**95. Theorem.** *If three forces acting on a body keep it in equilibrium, they must lie in a plane.*

Let the three forces be  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$ .

Let  $P_1$  and  $Q_1$  be *any* two points on the lines of action of  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively.

Since the forces are in equilibrium, they can, taken together, have no effect to turn the body about the line  $P_1Q_1$ . But the forces  $P$  and  $Q$  meet this line, and therefore separately have no effect to turn the body about  $P_1Q_1$ . Hence the third force  $R$  can have no effect to turn the body about  $P_1Q_1$ .

Therefore the line  $P_1Q_1$  must meet  $R$ .

Similarly, if  $Q_2, Q_3, \dots$  be other points on the line of action of  $Q$ , the lines  $P_1Q_2, P_1Q_3, \dots$  must meet  $R$ .

Hence  $R$  must lie in the plane through  $P_1$  and the line of action of  $Q$ , *i.e.*, the lines of action of  $Q$  and  $R$  must be in a plane which passes through  $P_1$ .

But  $P_1$  is *any* point on the line of action of  $P$ ; and hence the above plane passes through *any* point on the line of action of  $P$ , *i.e.*, it contains the line of action of  $P$ .

### EXAMPLES. XIII.

1. A square uniform plate is suspended at one of its vertices, and a weight, equal to half that of the plate, is suspended from the adjacent vertex of the square. Find the position of equilibrium of the plate.

2. A hollow vertical cylinder, of radius  $2a$  and height  $3a$ , rests on a horizontal table, and a uniform rod is placed within it with its lower end resting on the circumference of the base; if the weight of the rod be equal to that of the cylinder, how long must the rod be so that it may just cause the cylinder to topple over?

3. A cylinder, whose length is  $b$  and the diameter of whose base is  $c$ , is open at the top and rests on a horizontal plane; a uniform rod, of length  $2a$ , rests partly within the cylinder and in contact with it at its upper and lower edges; supposing the weight of the cylinder to be  $n$  times that of the rod, find the length of the rod when the cylinder is on the point of falling over.

4. A square table stands on four legs placed respectively at the middle points of its sides; find the greatest weight that can be put at one of the corners without upsetting the table.

5. A round table stands upon three equidistant weightless legs at its edge, and a man sits upon its edge opposite a leg. It just upsets and falls upon its edge and two legs. He then sits upon its highest point and just tips it up again. Shew that the radius of the table is  $\sqrt{2}$  times the length of a leg.

6. A circular table, whose weight is 10 lbs., is provided with three vertical legs attached to three points in the circumference equidistant from one another; find the least weight which hung from any point in the edge of the table will just cause it to overturn.

7. A square four-legged table has lost one leg; where on the table should a weight, equal to the weight of the table, be placed, so that the pressures on the three remaining legs of the table may be equal?

8. A square table, of weight 20 lbs., has legs at the middle points of its sides, and three equal weights, each equal to the weight of the table, are placed at three of the angular points. What is the greatest weight that can be placed at the fourth corner so that equilibrium may be preserved?

9. A circular metallic plate, of uniform thickness and of weight  $w$ , is hung from a point on its circumference. A string wound on its edge, carries a weight  $p$ . Find the angle which the diameter through the point of suspension makes with the vertical.

10. A uniform circular disc, of weight  $nW$ , has a particle, of weight  $W$ , attached to a point on its rim. If the disc be suspended from a point  $A$  on its rim,  $B$  is the lowest point; also, if suspended from  $B$ ,  $A$  is the lowest point. Shew that the angle subtended by  $AB$  at the centre of the disc is  $2 \sec^{-1} 2(n+1)$ .

11. A heavy horizontal circular ring rests on three supports at the points  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  of its circumference. Given its weight and the sides and angles of the triangle  $ABC$ , find the pressures on the supports.



## CHAPTER IX.

### CENTRE OF GRAVITY.

**96.** EVERY particle of matter is attracted to the centre of the Earth, and the force with which the Earth attracts any particle to itself is, as we shall see in Dynamics, proportional to the mass of the particle.

Any body may be considered as an agglomeration of particles.

If the body be small, compared with the Earth, the lines joining its component particles to the centre of the Earth will be very approximately parallel, and, within the limits of this book, we shall consider them to be absolutely parallel.

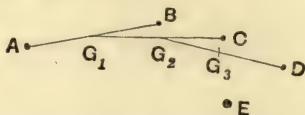
On every particle, therefore, of a rigid body there is acting a force vertically downwards which we call its weight.

These forces may by the process of compounding parallel forces, Art. 53, be compounded into a single force, equal to the sum of the weights of the particles, acting at some definite point of the body. Such a point is called the centre of gravity of the body.

**Centre of gravity. Def.** *The centre of gravity of a body, or system of particles rigidly connected together, is that point through which the line of action of the weight of the body always passes.*

**97.** *Every body, or system of particles rigidly connected together, has a centre of gravity.*

Let  $A, B, C, D \dots$  be a system of particles whose weights are  $w_1, w_2, w_3 \dots$ .



Join  $AB$ , and divide it at  $G_1$  so that

$$AG_1 : G_1B :: w_2 : w_1.$$

Then parallel forces  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ , acting at  $A$  and  $B$ , are, by Art. 53, equivalent to a force  $(w_1 + w_2)$  acting at  $G_1$ .

Join  $G_1C$ , and divide it at  $G_2$  so that

$$G_1G_2 : G_2C :: w_3 : w_1 + w_2.$$

Then parallel forces,  $(w_1 + w_2)$  at  $G_1$  and  $w_3$  at  $C$ , are equivalent to a force  $(w_1 + w_2 + w_3)$  at  $G_2$ .

Hence the forces  $w_1, w_2$  and  $w_3$  may be supposed to be applied at  $G_2$  without altering their effect.

Similarly, dividing  $G_2D$  in  $G_3$  so that

$$G_2G_3 : G_3D :: w_4 : w_1 + w_2 + w_3,$$

we see that the resultant of the four weights at  $A, B, C$ , and  $D$  is equivalent to a vertical force,  $w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4$ , acting at  $G_3$ .

Proceeding in this way, we see that the weights of any number of particles composing any body may be supposed to be applied at some point of the body without altering their effect.

**98.** Since the construction for the position of the resultant of parallel forces depends *only* on the point of application and magnitude, and *not* on the direction of the forces, the point we finally arrive at is the same if

the body be turned through any angle; for the weights of the portions of the body are still parallel, although they have not the same direction, relative to the body, in the two positions.

We can hence shew that a body can only have one centre of gravity. For, if possible, let it have two centres of gravity  $G$  and  $G_1$ . Let the body be turned, if necessary, until  $GG_1$  be horizontal. We shall then have the resultant of a system of vertical forces acting both through  $G$  and through  $G_1$ . But the resultant force, being itself necessarily vertical, cannot act in the horizontal line  $GG_1$ .

Hence there can be only one centre of gravity.

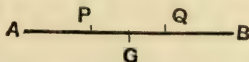
**99.** If the body be not so small that the weights of its component parts may all be considered to be very approximately parallel, it has not necessarily a centre of gravity.

In any case, the point of the body at which we arrive by the construction of Art. 97, has, however, very important properties and is called its Centre of Mass, or Centre of Inertia. If the body be of uniform density its centre of mass coincides with its Centroid.

**100.** We shall now proceed to the determination of the centre of gravity of some bodies of simple forms.

### I. A uniform rod.

Let  $AB$  be a uniform rod, and  $G$  its middle point.



Take any point  $P$  of the rod between  $G$  and  $A$ , and a point  $Q$  in  $GB$ , such that

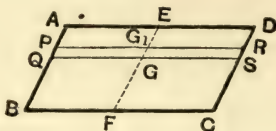
$$GQ = GP.$$

The centre of gravity of equal particles at  $P$  and  $Q$  is clearly  $G$ ; also, for every particle between  $G$  and  $A$ , there is an equal particle at an equal distance from  $G$ , lying between  $G$  and  $B$ .

The centre of gravity of each of these pairs of particles is at  $G$ ; therefore the centre of gravity of the whole rod is at  $G$ .

### 101. II. A uniform parallelogram.

Let  $ABCD$  be a parallelogram, and let  $E$  and  $F$  be the middle points of  $AD$  and  $BC$ .



Divide the parallelogram into a very large number of strips, by means of lines parallel to  $AD$ , of which  $PR$  and  $QS$  are any consecutive pair. Then  $PQSR$  may be considered to be a uniform straight line, whose centre of gravity is at its middle point  $G_1$ .

So the centre of gravity of all the other strips lies on  $EF$ , and hence the centre of gravity of the whole figure lies on  $EF$ .

So, by dividing the parallelogram by lines parallel to  $AB$ , we see that the centre of gravity lies on the line joining the middle points of the sides  $AB$  and  $CD$ .

Hence the centre of gravity is at  $G$  the point of intersection of these two lines.

$G$  is clearly also the point of intersection of the diagonals of the parallelogram.

**102.** It is clear from the method of the two previous articles that, if in a uniform body we can find a point  $G$  such that the body can be divided into pairs of particles balancing about it, then  $G$  must be the centre of gravity of the body.

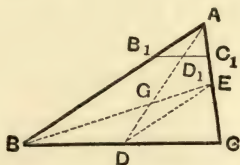
The centre of gravity of a uniform circle, or uniform sphere, is therefore its centre.

It is also clear that if we can divide a lamina into strips, the centre of gravity of which all lie on a straight line, then the centre of gravity of the lamina must lie on that line.

Similarly, if a body can be divided into portions, the centres of gravity of which lie in a plane, the centre of gravity of the whole must lie in that plane.

### 103. III. Uniform triangular lamina.

Let  $ABC$  be the triangular lamina and let  $D$  and  $E$  be the middle points of the sides  $BC$  and  $CA$ . Join  $AD$  and  $BE$ , and let them meet in  $G$ . Then  $G$  shall be the centre of gravity of the triangle.



Let  $B_1C_1$  be *any* line parallel to the base  $BC$  meeting  $AD$  in  $D_1$ .

As in the case of the parallelogram, the triangle may be considered to be made up of a very large number of strips, such as  $B_1C_1$ , all parallel to the base  $BC$ .

Since  $B_1C_1$  and  $BC$  are parallel, the triangles  $AB_1D_1$  and  $ABD$  are similar; so also the triangles  $AD_1C_1$  and  $ADC$  are similar.

$$\text{Hence} \quad \frac{B_1D_1}{BD} = \frac{AD_1}{AD} = \frac{D_1C_1}{DC}.$$

But  $BD = DC$ ; therefore  $B_1D_1 = D_1C_1$ . Hence the centre of gravity of the strip  $B_1C_1$  lies on  $AD$ .



So the centres of gravity of all the other strips lie on  $AD$ , and hence the centre of gravity of the triangle lies on  $AD$ .

Join  $BE$ , and let it meet  $AD$  in  $G$ .

By dividing the triangle into strips parallel to  $AC$  we see, similarly, that the centre of gravity lies on  $BE$ .

Hence the required centre of gravity must be at  $G$ .

Since  $D$  is the middle point of  $BC$  and  $E$  is the middle point of  $CA$ , therefore  $DE$  is parallel to  $AB$ .

Hence the triangles  $GDE$  and  $GAB$  are similar,

$$\therefore \frac{GD}{GA} = \frac{DE}{AB} = \frac{CE}{CA} = \frac{1}{2},$$

so that  $2GD = GA$ , and  $3GD = GA + GD = AD$ .

$$\therefore GD = \frac{1}{3}AD.$$

Hence the centre of gravity of a triangle is on the line joining the middle point of any side to the opposite vertex at one-third the distance of the vertex from that side.

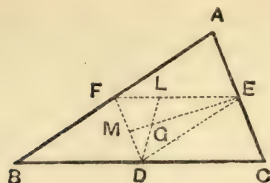
**104.** *The centre of gravity of any triangular lamina is the same as that of three equal particles placed at the vertices of the triangle.*

Taking the figure of Art. 103, the centre of gravity of two equal particles, each equal to  $w$ , at  $B$  and  $C$ , is at  $D$  the middle point of  $BC$ ; also the centre of gravity of  $2w$  at  $D$  and  $w$  at  $A$  divides the line  $DA$  in the ratio of  $1 : 2$ . But  $G$ , the centre of gravity of the lamina, divides  $DA$  in the ratio of  $1 : 2$ .

Hence the centre of gravity of the three particles is the same as that of the lamina.

#### **105. IV. Three rods forming a triangle.**

Let  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$  be the three rods, of the same thickness and material, forming the triangle and let  $D$ ,  $E$ , and  $F$  be the middle points of the rods. Join  $DE$ ,  $EF$ , and  $FD$ . Clearly  $DE$ ,  $EF$ , and  $FD$  are half of  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $CA$  respectively. The centres of gravity of the three rods are  $D$ ,  $E$ , and  $F$ .



The centre of gravity of the rods  $AB$  and  $AC$  is therefore a point  $L$  on  $EF$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} EL : LF &:: \text{weight at } F : \text{weight at } E \\ &:: AB : AC \\ &:: DE : DF, \end{aligned}$$

so that  $DL$  bisects the angle  $FDE$ . (Euc. VI. 3.)

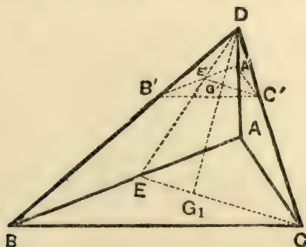
Also the centre of gravity of the three rods must lie on  $DL$ .

Similarly the centre of gravity must lie on  $EM$  which bisects the angle  $DEF$ .

Hence the required point is the point at which  $EM$  and  $DL$  meet, and is therefore the centre of the circle inscribed in the triangle  $DEF$ , i.e., the centre of the circle inscribed in the triangle formed by joining the middle points of the rods.

### 106. V. Tetrahedron.

Let  $ABCD$  be the tetrahedron,  $E$  the middle point of  $AB$ , and  $G_1$  the centre of gravity of the base  $ABC$ .



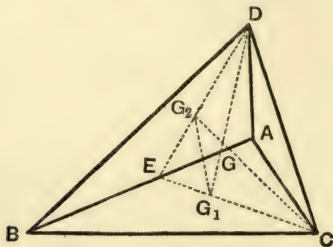
Take *any* section  $A'B'C'$  of the tetrahedron which is parallel to  $ABC$ ; let  $DE$  meet  $A'B'$  in  $E'$  and let  $DG_1$  meet  $E'C'$  in  $G'$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{E'G'}{EG_1} &= \frac{DG'}{DG_1}, \text{ by similar } \triangle s \ DE'E'G', \ DE'E'G_1, \\ &= \frac{C'G'}{CG_1}, \text{ by similar } \triangle s \ DG'C', \ DG_1C, \\ \therefore \frac{E'G'}{C'G'} &= \frac{EG_1}{CG_1} = \frac{1}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $G'$  is the centre of gravity of the section  $A'B'C'$ .

By considering the tetrahedron as built up of triangles parallel to the base  $ABC$ , it follows, since the centre of gravity of each triangle is in the line  $DG_1$ , that the centre of gravity of the whole lies in  $DG_1$ .



Similarly, it may be shewn that the centre of gravity lies on the line joining  $C$  to the centre of gravity  $G_2$  of the opposite face. Also  $G_2$  lies in the line  $ED$  and divides it in the ratio 1 : 2.

Hence  $G$ , the required point, is the point of intersection of  $CG_2$  and  $DG_1$ .

Join  $G_1G_2$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{G_2G}{GC} &= \frac{G_2G_1}{DC}, \text{ by similar } \triangle s GG_2G_1 \text{ and } GCD, \\ &= \frac{EG_1}{EC}, \text{ by similar } \triangle s EG_1G_2 \text{ and } ECD, \\ &= \frac{1}{3}.\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore GC = 3 \cdot G_2G,$$

$$\therefore G_2C = 4 \cdot G_2G.$$

Similarly

$$G_1D = 4G_1G.$$

Hence the centre of gravity of the pyramid lies on the line joining the centre of gravity of any face to the opposite angular point of the tetrahedron at one-quarter of the distance of the angular point from that face.

**Cor.** The centre of gravity of the tetrahedron is the same as that of equal particles placed at its vertices.

For equal weights  $w$  placed at the angular points  $ABC$  of a triangle are equivalent, by Art. 104, to a weight  $3w$  placed at  $G_1$ , the centre of gravity of  $ABC$ . Also  $3w$  at  $G_1$  and  $w$  at  $D$  are equivalent to  $4w$  at  $G$ , since  $G$  divides  $G_1D$  in the ratio 1 : 3.

### 107. VI. Pyramid on any base. Solid Cone.

If the base of the pyramid in the previous article, instead of being a triangle, be any plane figure  $ABCLMN\dots$  whose centre of gravity is  $G_1$ , it may be shewn, by a similar method of proof, that the centre of gravity must lie on the line joining  $D$  to  $G_1$ .

Also by drawing the planes  $DAG_1$ ,  $DBG_1, \dots$  the whole pyramid may be split into a number of pyramids on triangular bases, the centres of gravity of which all lie on a plane parallel to  $ABCL\dots$  and at a distance from  $D$  of three-quarters that of the latter plane.

Hence the centre of gravity of the whole lies on the line  $G_1D$ , and divides it in the ratio 1 : 3.

Let now the sides of the plane base form a regular polygon, and let their number be indefinitely increased. Ultimately the plane base becomes a circle, and the pyramid becomes a solid cone having  $D$  as its vertex ; also the point  $G_1$  is now the centre of the circular base.

Hence the centre of gravity of a solid right circular cone is on the line joining the centre of the base to the vertex, and divides it in the ratio of 1 : 3.

### 108. VII. Surface of a hollow cone.

Since the surface of a cone can be divided into an infinite number of triangular laminas, by joining the vertex of the cone to points on the circular base indefinitely close to one another, and since their centres of gravity all lie in a plane parallel to the base of the cone at a distance from the vertex equal to two-thirds of that of the base, the centre of gravity of the whole cone must lie in that plane.

But, by symmetry, the centre of gravity must lie on the axis of the cone.

Hence the required point is the point in which the above plane meets the axis, and therefore is on the axis at a point distant from the base one-third the height of the cone.

### EXAMPLES. XIV.

1. An isosceles triangle has its equal sides of length 5 feet and its base of length 6 feet ; find the distance of the centre of gravity from each of its sides.

2. The sides of a triangular lamina are 6, 8, and 10 feet in length ; find the distance of the centre of gravity from each of the sides.

3. The base of an isosceles triangle is 4 inches and the equal sides are each 7 inches in length ; find the distances of its centre of gravity from the angular points of the triangle.



4.  $D$  is the middle point of the base  $BC$  of a triangle  $ABC$ ; shew that the distance between the centres of gravity of the triangles  $ABD$  and  $ACD$  is  $\frac{1}{3}BC$ .

5. A heavy triangular plate  $ABC$  lies on the ground; if a vertical force applied at the point  $A$  be just great enough to begin to lift that vertex from the ground, shew that the same force will suffice, if applied at  $B$  or  $C$ .

6. Three men carry a weight,  $W$ , by putting it on a smooth triangular board, of weight  $w$ , and supporting the system on their shoulders placed respectively at the angular points; find the weight that each man supports.

7. The base of a triangle is fixed, and its vertex moves on a given straight line; shew that the centre of gravity also moves on a straight line.

8. The base of a triangle is fixed, and it has a given vertical angle; shew that the centre of gravity of the triangle moves on an arc of a certain circle.

9. A given weight is placed anywhere on a triangle; shew that the centre of gravity of the system lies within a certain triangle.

10. A uniform equilateral triangular plate is suspended by a string attached to a point in one of its sides, which divides the side in the ratio 2 : 1; find the inclination of this side to the vertical.

11. A uniform lamina in the shape of a right-angled triangle, and such that one of the sides containing the right angle is three times the other, is suspended by a string attached to the right angle; in the position of equilibrium, shew that the hypotenuse is inclined at an angle  $\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}$  to the vertical.

12. A uniform triangular lamina, whose sides are 3, 4, and 5 inches, is suspended by a string from the middle point of the longest side; find the inclination of this side to the vertical.

### 109. General formulae for the determination of the centre of gravity.

In the following articles will be obtained formulae giving the position of the centre of gravity of any system of particles, whose position and weights are known.

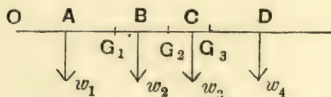
**Theorem.** *If a system of particles whose weights are  $w_1, w_2, \dots w_n$  be on a straight line, and if their distances measured from a fixed point  $O$  in the line be*

$$x_1, x_2, \dots x_n,$$

the distance,  $\bar{x}$ , of their centre of gravity from the fixed point is given by

$$\bar{x} = \frac{w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + \dots + w_nx_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}.$$

Let  $A, B, C, D \dots$  be the particles and let the centre of gravity of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  at  $A$  and  $B$  be  $G_1$ ; let the centre of



gravity of  $(w_1 + w_2)$  at  $G_1$  and  $w_3$  at  $C$  be  $G_2$ , and so for the other particles of the system.

By Art. 97, we have  $w_1 \cdot AG_1 = w_2 \cdot G_1B$ ;

$$\therefore w_1 (OG_1 - OA) = w_2 (OB - OG_1).$$

Hence  $(w_1 + w_2) \cdot OG_1 = w_1 \cdot OA + w_2 \cdot OB$ ,

$$\text{i.e., } OG_1 = \frac{w_1x_1 + w_2x_2}{w_1 + w_2} \dots\dots\dots(1).$$

Similarly, since  $G_2$  is the centre of gravity of  $(w_1 + w_2)$  at  $G_1$  and  $w_3$  at  $C$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} OG_2 &= \frac{(w_1 + w_2) \cdot OG_1 + w_3 \cdot OC}{(w_1 + w_2) + w_3} \\ &= \frac{w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + w_3x_3}{w_1 + w_2 + w_3}, \text{ by (1).} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } OG_3 &= \frac{(w_1 + w_2 + w_3) \cdot OG_2 + w_4 \cdot OD}{(w_1 + w_2 + w_3) + w_4} \\ &= \frac{w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + w_3x_3 + w_4x_4}{w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4}. \end{aligned}$$

Proceeding in this manner we easily have

$$\bar{x} = \frac{w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + \dots + w_nx_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n},$$

whatever be the number of the particles in the system.

**Otherwise,** The above formula may be obtained by the use of Article 65. For the weights of the particles form a system of parallel forces whose resultant is equal to their sum, viz.  $w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n$ . Also the sum of the moments of these forces about any point in their plane is the same as the moment of their resultant. But the sum of the moments of the forces about the fixed point  $O$  is

$$w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + \dots + w_nx_n.$$

Also, if  $\bar{x}$  be the distance of the centre of gravity from  $O$ , the moment of the resultant is

$$(w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n) \times \bar{x}.$$

Hence  $\bar{x}(w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n) = w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + \dots + w_nx_n$ ;

i.e., 
$$\bar{x} = \frac{w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + \dots + w_nx_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}.$$

**110. Ex. 1.** A rod  $AB$ , 2 feet in length, and of weight 5 lbs., is trisected in the points  $C$  and  $D$ , and at the points  $A$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  and  $B$  are placed particles of 1, 2, 3 and 4 lbs. weight respectively; find what point of the rod must be supported so that the rod may rest in any position, i.e., find the centre of gravity of the system.

Let  $G$  be the middle point of the rod and let the fixed point  $O$  of the previous article be taken to coincide with the end  $A$  of the rod. The quantities  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  and  $x_5$  are in this case 0, 8, 12, 16, and 24 inches respectively.

Hence, if  $X$  be the point required, we have

$$\begin{aligned} AX &= \frac{1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 8 + 5 \cdot 12 + 3 \cdot 16 + 4 \cdot 24}{1 + 2 + 5 + 3 + 4} \\ &= \frac{220}{15} = 14\frac{2}{3} \text{ inches.} \end{aligned}$$

**Ex. 2.** If, in the previous question, the body at  $B$  be removed and another body be substituted, find the weight of this unknown body so that the new centre of gravity may be at the middle point of the rod.

Let  $\lambda$  lbs. be the required weight.

Since the distance of the new centre of gravity from  $A$  is to be 12 inches, we have

$$12 = \frac{1.0 + 2.8 + 5.12 + 3.16 + \lambda.24}{1 + 2 + 5 + 3 + \lambda} = \frac{124 + 24\lambda}{11 + \lambda}.$$

$$\therefore 132 + 12\lambda = 124 + 24\lambda.$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{2}{3} \text{ lb.}$$

**Ex. 3.** *To the end of a rod, whose length is 2 feet and whose weight is 3 lbs., is attached a sphere, of radius 2 inches and weight 10 lbs.; find the position of the centre of gravity of the compound body.*

Let  $OA$  be the rod,  $G_1$  its middle point,  $G_2$  the centre of the sphere, and  $G$  the required point.

$$\text{Then} \quad OG = \frac{3 \cdot OG_1 + 10 \cdot OG_2}{3 + 10}.$$

But  $OG_1 = 12$  inches;  $OG_2 = 26$  inches.

$$\therefore OG = \frac{3 \cdot 12 + 10 \cdot 26}{3 + 10} = \frac{296}{13} = 22\frac{8}{13} \text{ inches.}$$

### EXAMPLES. XV.

1. A straight rod, 1 foot in length and of mass 1 ounce, has an ounce of lead fastened to it at one end, and another ounce fastened to it at a distance from the other end equal to one-third of its length; find the centre of gravity of the system.

2. A uniform bar, 3 feet in length and of mass 6 ounces, has 3 rings, each of mass 3 ounces, at distances 3, 15 and 21 inches from one end. About what point of the bar will the system balance?

3. A uniform rod  $AB$  is 4 feet long and weighs 3 lbs. One lb. is attached at  $A$ , 2 lbs. at a point distant 1 foot from  $A$ , 3 lbs. at 2 feet from  $A$ , 4 lbs. at 3 feet from  $A$ , and 5 lbs. at  $B$ . Find the distance from  $A$  of the centre of gravity of the system.

4. A telescope consists of 3 tubes, each 10 inches in length, one within the other, and of weights 8, 7, and 6 ounces. Find the position of the centre of gravity when the tubes are drawn out at full length.

5. Twelve heavy particles at equal intervals of one inch along a straight rod weigh 1, 2, 3, ..., 12 grains respectively; find their centre of gravity, neglecting the weight of the rod.

6. Weights proportional to 1, 4, 9, and 16 are placed in a straight line so that the distances between them are equal; find the position of their centre of gravity.

7. A rod, of uniform thickness, has one-half of its length composed of one metal and the other half composed of a different metal, and the rod balances about a point distant one-third of its whole length from one end; compare the weight of equal quantities of the metal.

8. An inclined plane, with an angle of inclination of  $60^\circ$ , is 3 feet long; masses of 7, 5, 4 and 8 ounces are placed on the plane in order at distances of 1 foot, the latter being the highest; find the distance of their centre of gravity from the base of the inclined plane.

9.  $AB$  is a uniform rod, of length  $n$  inches and weight  $(n+1)W$ . To the rod masses of weight  $W, 2W, 3W, \dots nW$  are attached at distances 1, 2, 3,  $\dots n$  inches respectively from  $A$ . Find the distance from  $A$  of the centre of gravity of the rod and weights.

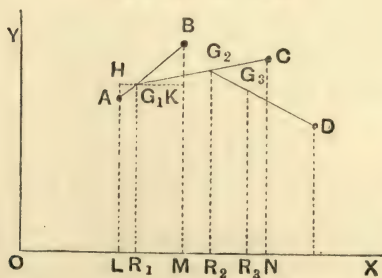
10. A rod, 12 feet long, has a mass of 1 lb. suspended from one end, and, when 15 lbs. is suspended from the other end, it balances about a point distant 3 ft. from that end; if 8 lbs. be suspended there, it balances about a point 4 ft. from that end. Find the weight of the rod and the position of its centre of gravity.

**111. Theorem.** *If a system of particles, whose weights are  $w_1, w_2, \dots w_n$ , lie in a plane, and if  $OX$  and  $OY$  be two fixed straight lines in the plane at right angles, and if the distances of the particles from  $OX$  be  $y_1, y_2, \dots y_n$ , and the distance of their centre of gravity be  $\bar{y}$ , then*

$$\bar{y} = \frac{w_1 y_1 + w_2 y_2 + \dots + w_n y_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}.$$

*Similarly, if the distances of the particles from  $OY$  be  $x_1, x_2, \dots x_n$  and that of their centre of gravity be  $\bar{x}$ , then*

$$\bar{x} = \frac{w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_n x_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}.$$





Let  $A, B, C, \dots$  be the particles, and  $AL, BM, CN \dots$  the perpendiculars on  $OX$ .

Let  $G_1$  be the centre of gravity of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ ,  $G_2$  the centre of gravity of  $(w_1 + w_2)$  at  $G_1$  and  $w_3$  at  $C$ , and so on.

Draw  $G_1R_1, G_2R_2, \dots$  perpendicular to  $OX$ , and through  $G_1$  draw  $HG_1K$  parallel to  $OX$  to meet  $AL$  and  $BM$  in  $H$  and  $K$ .

Since  $G_1$  is the centre of gravity of  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ , we have

$$\frac{AG_1}{G_1B} = \frac{w_2}{w_1}. \quad (\text{Art. 97.})$$

Now  $AG_1H$  and  $BG_1K$  are similar triangles,

$$\therefore \frac{HA}{BK} = \frac{AG_1}{G_1B} = \frac{w_2}{w_1}.$$

But  $HA = HL - AL = G_1R_1 - y_1$ ,  
and  $BK = BM - KM = y_2 - G_1R_1$ ;

$$\therefore \frac{G_1R_1 - y_1}{y_2 - G_1R_1} = \frac{w_2}{w_1}.$$

Hence  $w_1 (G_1R_1 - y_1) = w_2 (y_2 - G_1R_1)$ ;

$$\therefore G_1R_1 = \frac{w_1y_1 + w_2y_2}{w_1 + w_2} \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

Similarly, since  $G_2$  is the centre of gravity of  $(w_1 + w_2)$  at  $G_1$  and  $w_3$  at  $C$ , we have

$$G_2R_2 = \frac{(w_1 + w_2) \cdot G_1R_1 + w_3y_3}{w_1 + w_2 + w_3} = \frac{w_1y_1 + w_2y_2 + w_3y_3}{w_1 + w_2 + w_3}, \text{ by (1).}$$

Proceeding in this way we easily obtain

$$\bar{y} = \frac{w_1y_1 + w_2y_2 + \dots + w_ny_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}.$$

Again, since the triangles  $AG_1H$  and  $BG_1K$  are similar, we have

$$\frac{HG_1}{G_1K} = \frac{AG_1}{G_1B} = \frac{w_2}{w_1}.$$

But  $HG_1 = LR_1 = OR_1 - OL = OR_1 - x_1$ ,  
 and  $G_1K = R_1M = OM - OR_1 = x_2 - OR_1$ .  
 $\therefore w_1 (OR_1 - x_1) = w_2 (x_2 - OR_1)$ .

Hence  $OR_1 = \frac{w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2}{w_1 + w_2}$ .

Proceeding as before we finally have

$$\bar{x} = \frac{w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_n x_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}.$$

The theorem of this article may be put somewhat differently as follows ;

*The distance of the centre of gravity from any line in the plane of the particles is equal to a fraction, whose numerator is the sum of the products of each weight into its distance from the given line, and whose denominator is the sum of the weights.*

**112.** The formula of the preceding article may be deduced from Article 93. For, since the resultant weight  $(w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n)$  acting at  $G$ , where  $G$  is the centre of gravity of all the weights, is equivalent to the component weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots$  the resultant would, if the line  $OX$  be supposed to be a fixed axis, have the same moment about this fixed axis that the component weights have.

But the moment of the resultant is

$$(w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n) \bar{y},$$

and the sum of the moments of the weights is

$$w_1 y_1 + w_2 y_2 + \dots + w_n y_n.$$

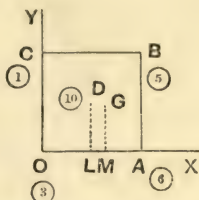
Hence  $\bar{y} = \frac{w_1 y_1 + w_2 y_2 + \dots + w_n y_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}$ .

In a similar manner we should have

$$\bar{x} = \frac{w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 + \dots + w_n x_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n}.$$

**113. Ex. 1.** *A square lamina, whose weight is 10 lbs., has attached to its angular points particles whose weights, taken in order, are 3, 6, 5 and 1 lbs. respectively. Find the position of the centre of gravity of the system, if the side of the lamina be 25 inches.*

Let the particles be placed at the angular points  $O, A, B$  and  $C$ . Let the two fixed lines from which the distances are measured be  $OA$  and  $OC$ .



The weight of the lamina acts at its centre  $D$ . Let  $G$  be the required centre of gravity and draw  $DL$  and  $GM$  perpendicular to  $OX$ .

The distances of the points  $O, A, B, C$  and  $D$  from  $OX$  are clearly 0, 0, 25, 25, and  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches respectively.

$$\therefore MG = \bar{y} = \frac{3 \cdot 0 + 6 \cdot 0 + 5 \cdot 25 + 1 \cdot 25 + 10 \cdot 12\frac{1}{2}}{3 + 6 + 5 + 1 + 10} = \frac{275}{25} = 11 \text{ ins.}$$

So the distances of the particles from  $OY$  are 0, 25, 25, 0 and  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches respectively.

$$\therefore OM = \bar{x} = \frac{3 \cdot 0 + 6 \cdot 25 + 5 \cdot 25 + 1 \cdot 0 + 10 \cdot 12\frac{1}{2}}{3 + 6 + 5 + 1 + 10} = \frac{400}{25} = 16 \text{ ins.}$$

Hence the required point may be obtained by measuring 16 inches from  $O$  along  $OA$  and then erecting a perpendicular of length 11 inches.

**Ex. 2.**  $OAB$  is an isosceles weightless triangle, whose base  $OA$  is 6 inches and whose sides are each 5 inches; at the points  $O, A$  and  $B$  are placed particles of weights 1, 2, and 3 lbs.; find their centre of gravity.

Let the fixed line  $OX$  coincide with  $OA$  and let  $OY$  be a perpendicular to  $OA$  through the point  $O$ .

If  $BL$  be drawn perpendicular to  $OA$ , then  $OL = 3$  ins., and

$$LB = \sqrt{5^2 - 3^2} = 4 \text{ ins.}$$

Hence, if  $G$  be the required centre of gravity and  $GM$  be drawn perpendicular to  $OX$ , we have

$$OM = \frac{1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 6 + 3 \cdot 3}{1 + 2 + 3} = \frac{21}{6} = 3\frac{1}{2} \text{ inches,}$$

and 
$$MG = \frac{1 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 0 + 3 \cdot 4}{1 + 2 + 3} = \frac{12}{6} = 2 \text{ inches.}$$

Hence the required point is obtained by measuring a distance  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches from  $O$  along  $OA$  and then erecting a perpendicular of length 2 inches.

**114. Centre of Parallel forces.**

The methods and formulae of Arts. 109 and 111 will apply not only to weights, but also to any system of parallel forces and will determine the position of the resultant of any such system. The magnitude of the resultant is the sum of the forces. Each force must, of course, be taken with its proper sign prefixed.

There is one case in which we obtain no satisfactory result; if the algebraic sum of the forces be zero, the resultant force is zero, and the formulae of Art. 111 give

$$\bar{x} = \infty, \text{ and } \bar{y} = \infty.$$

In this case the system of parallel forces is, as in Art. 54, equivalent to a couple.

**EXAMPLES. XVI.**

1. Particles of 1, 2, 3, and 4 lbs. weight are placed at the angular points of a square; find the distance of their c.g. from the centre of the square.

2. At two opposite corners  $A$  and  $C$  of a square  $ABCD$  weights of 2 lbs. each are placed, and at  $B$  and  $D$  are placed 1 and 7 lbs. respectively; find their centre of gravity.

3. Particles of 5, 6, 9 and 7 lbs. respectively are placed at the corners  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  of a horizontal square, the length of whose side is 27 inches; find where a single force must be applied to preserve equilibrium.

4. Five masses of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 ounces respectively are placed on a square table. The distances from one edge of the table are 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 inches and from the adjacent edge 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 inches respectively. Find the distance of the centre of gravity from the two edges.

5. Weights proportional to 1, 2, and 3 are placed at the corners of an equilateral triangle, whose side is of length  $a$ ; find the distance of their centre of gravity from the first weight.

Find the distance also if the weights be proportional to 11, 13, and 6.

6.  $ABC$  is an equilateral triangle of side 2 feet. At  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are placed weights proportional to 5, 1, and 3, and at the middle points of the sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$  weights proportional to 2, 4, and 6; shew that their centre of gravity is distant 16 inches from  $B$ .

7. Equal masses, each 1 oz., are placed at the angular points of a heavy triangular lamina, and also at the middle points of its sides; find the position of the centre of gravity of the masses.

8.  $ABC$  is a triangle right angled at  $A$ ,  $AB$  being 12 and  $AC$  15 inches; weights proportional to 2, 3, and 4 respectively are placed at  $A$ ,  $C$ , and  $B$ ; find the distances of their centre of gravity from  $B$  and  $C$ .

9. Particles, of mass 4, 1, and 1 lbs., are placed at the angular points of a triangle; shew that the centre of gravity of the particles bisects the distance between the centre of gravity and one of the vertices of the triangle.

10. Three masses are placed at the angular points of a triangle  $ABC$ . Find their ratios if their centre of inertia be halfway between  $A$  and the middle point of  $BC$ .

11. Bodies of mass 2, 3, and 4 lbs. respectively are placed at the angular points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  of a triangle; find their centre of gravity  $G$ , and shew that forces  $2GA$ ,  $3GB$  and  $4GC$  are in equilibrium.

12.  $ABC$  is a uniform triangular plate, of mass 3 lbs. Masses of 2, 3, and 5 lbs. respectively are placed at  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ . Find the position of the centre of gravity of the whole system.

13. To the vertices  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  of a uniform triangular plate, whose mass is 3 lbs. and whose centre of gravity is  $G$ , particles of masses 2 lbs., 2 lbs., and 11 lbs., are attached; shew that the centre of gravity of the system is the middle point of  $GC$ .

14. Masses of 2, 3, 2, 6, 9, and 6 lbs. are placed at the angular corners of a regular hexagon, taken in order; find their centre of gravity.

15. Weights proportional to 5, 4, 6, 2, 7, and 3 are placed at the angular points of a regular hexagon, taken in order; shew that their centre of gravity is the centre of the hexagon.

16. Weights proportional to 1, 5, 3, 4, 2, and 6 are placed at the angular points of a regular hexagon, taken in order; shew that their centre of gravity is the centre of the hexagon.

17. If weights proportional to the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 be placed at the angular points of a regular hexagon taken in order, shew that the distance of their centre of gravity from the centre of the circumscribing circle of the hexagon is  $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of the radius of the circle.

18. At the angular points of a square, taken in order, there act parallel forces in the ratio 1 : 3 : 5 : 7; find the distance from the centre of the square of the point at which their resultant acts.

19.  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ , and  $D$  are the angles of a parallelogram taken in order; like parallel forces proportional to 6, 10, 14, and 10 respectively act at  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ ; shew that the centre and resultant of these parallel forces remain the same, if, instead of these forces, parallel forces, proportional to 8, 12, 16 and 4, act at the points of bisection of the sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DA$  respectively.



20. Find the centre of parallel forces equal respectively to  $P$ ,  $2P$ ,  $3P$ ,  $4P$ ,  $5P$ , and  $6P$ , the points of application of the forces being at distances 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 inches respectively from a given point  $A$  measured along a given line  $AB$ .

21. Three parallel forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$ , act at the vertices  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , of a triangle and are proportional respectively to  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ . Find the magnitude and position of their resultant.

**115.** *Given the centre of gravity of the two portions of a body, to find the centre of gravity of the whole body.*

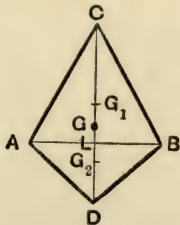
Let the given centres of gravity be  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , and let the weights of the two portions be  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ ; the required point  $G$ , by Art. 97, divides  $G_1G_2$  so that

$$G_1G : GG_2 :: W_2 : W_1.$$

The point  $G$  may also be obtained by the use of Art. 109.

**Ex.** *On the same base  $AB$ , and on opposite sides of it, isosceles triangles  $CAB$  and  $DAB$  are described whose altitudes are 12 inches and 6 inches respectively. Find the distance from  $AB$  of the centre of gravity of the quadrilateral  $CADB$ .*

Let  $CLD$  be the perpendicular to  $AB$ , meeting it in  $L$ , and let  $G_1$



and  $G_2$  be the centres of gravity of the two triangles  $CAB$  and  $DAB$  respectively. Hence

$$CG_1 = \frac{2}{3} \cdot CL = 8, \text{ and } CG_2 = CL + LG_2 = 12 + 2 = 14.$$

The weights of the triangles are proportional to their areas, *i.e.*, to  $\frac{1}{2}AB \cdot 12$  and  $\frac{1}{2}AB \cdot 6$ .

If  $G$  be the centre of gravity of the whole figure, we have

$$CG = \frac{\Delta CAB \times CG_1 + \Delta DAB \times CG_2}{\Delta CAB + \Delta DAB}$$

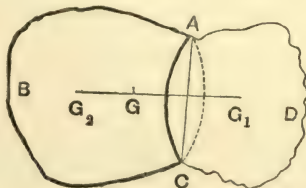
$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2}AB \cdot 12 \times 8 + \frac{1}{2}AB \cdot 6 \times 14}{\frac{1}{2}AB \cdot 12 + \frac{1}{2}AB \cdot 6} = \frac{48 + 42}{6 + 3} = \frac{90}{9} = 10.$$

Hence

$$LG = CL - CG = 2 \text{ inches.}$$

**116.** *Given the centre of gravity of the whole of a body and of a portion of the body, to find the centre of gravity of the remainder.*

Let  $G$  be the centre of gravity of a body  $ABCD$ , and  $G_1$  that of the portion  $ADC$ .



Let  $W$  be the weight of the whole body and  $W_1$  that of the portion  $ADC$ , so that  $W_2 (= W - W_1)$  is the weight of the portion  $ABC$ .

Let  $G_2$  be the centre of gravity of the portion  $ABC$ . Since the two portions of the body make up the whole, therefore  $W_1$  at  $G_1$  and  $W_2$  at  $G_2$  must have their centre of gravity at  $G$ .

Hence  $G$  must lie on  $G_1G_2$  and be such that

$$W_1 \cdot GG_1 = W_2 \cdot GG_2.$$

Hence, given  $G$  and  $G_1$ , we obtain  $G_2$  by producing  $G_1G$  to  $G_2$ , so that

$$GG_2 = \frac{W_1}{W_2} \cdot GG_1$$

$$= \frac{W_1}{W - W_1} \cdot GG_1.$$

The required point may be also obtained by means of Art. 109.

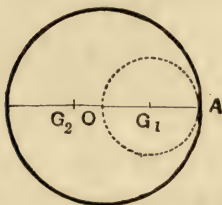
**Ex. 1.** From a circular disc, of radius  $r$ , is cut out a circle, whose diameter is a radius of the disc; find the centre of gravity of the remainder.

Since the areas of circles are to one another as the squares of their radii, we have

$\therefore$  area of the portion cut out : area of the whole circle

$$:: \left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2 : r^2$$

$$:: 1 : 4.$$



Hence the portion cut off is one-quarter, and the portion remaining is three-quarters, of the whole, so that  $W_1 = \frac{1}{3}W_2$ .

Now the portions  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  make up the whole disc, and therefore balance about  $O$ .

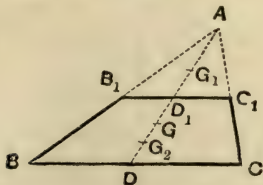
Hence  $W_2 \cdot OG_2 = W_1 \cdot OG_1 = \frac{1}{3}W_2 \times \frac{1}{2}r$ .

$$\therefore OG_2 = \frac{1}{6}r.$$

**Ex. 2.** From a triangular lamina  $ABC$  is cut off, by a line parallel to its base  $BC$ , one-quarter of its area; find the centre of gravity of the remainder.

Let  $AB_1C_1$  be the portion cut off, so that

$$\triangle AB_1C_1 : \triangle ABC :: 1 : 4.$$



By Euc. vi. 19, since the triangles  $AB_1C_1$  and  $ABC$  are similar, we have

$$\triangle AB_1C_1 : \triangle ABC :: AB_1^2 : AB^2.$$

$$\therefore AB_1^2 : AB^2 :: 1 : 4,$$

and hence

$$AB_1 = \frac{1}{2}AB.$$

The line  $B_1C_1$  therefore bisects  $AB$ ,  $AC$ , and  $AD$ .

Let  $G$  and  $G_1$  be the centres of gravity of the triangles  $ABC$  and  $AB_1C_1$  respectively; also let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be the respective weights of the portion cut off and the portion remaining, so that  $W_2 = 3W_1$ .

Since  $W_2$  at  $G_2$  and  $W_1$  at  $G_1$  balance about  $G$ , we have, by Art. 109,

$$DG = \frac{W_1 \cdot DG_1 + W_2 \cdot DG_2}{W_1 + W_2} = \frac{DG_1 + 3DG_2}{4} \dots\dots\dots(i).$$

But

$$DG = \frac{1}{3}DA = \frac{2}{3}DD_1,$$

and

$$DG_1 = DD_1 + \frac{1}{3}D_1A = DD_1 + \frac{1}{3}DD_1 = \frac{4}{3}DD_1.$$

Hence (i) is

$$4 \times \frac{2}{3}DD_1 = \frac{4}{3}DD_1 + 3DG_2.$$

$$\therefore DG_2 = \frac{4}{3}DD_1.$$

## EXAMPLES. XVII.

1. A uniform rod, 1 foot in length, is broken into two parts, of lengths 5 and 7 inches, which are placed so as to form the letter **T**, the longer portion being vertical; find the centre of gravity of the system.

2. Two rectangular pieces of the same cardboard, of lengths 6 and 8 inches and breadths 2 and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches respectively, are placed touching, but not overlapping, one another on a table so as to form a **T**-shaped figure. Find the position of its centre of gravity.

3. A heavy beam consists of two portions, whose lengths are as 3 : 5, and whose weights are as 3 : 1; find the position of its centre of gravity.

4. Two sides of a rectangle are double of the other two, and on one of the longer sides an equilateral triangle is described; find the centre of gravity of the lamina made up of the rectangle and the triangle.

5. A piece of cardboard is in the shape of a square  $ABCD$  with an isosceles triangle described on the side  $BC$ ; if the side of the square be 12 inches and the height of the triangle be 6 inches, find the distance of the centre of gravity of the cardboard from the line  $AD$ .

6. An isosceles right-angled triangle has squares described externally on all its sides. Shew that the centre of gravity of the figure so formed is on the line, which bisects the hypotenuse and passes through the right angle, and divides it in the ratio 1 : 26.

7. Two uniform spheres, composed of the same materials, and whose diameters are 6 and 12 inches respectively, are firmly united; find the position of their centre of gravity.

8. From a parallelogram is cut one of the four portions into which it is divided by its diagonals; find the centre of gravity of the remainder.

9. A parallelogram is divided into four parts, by joining the middle points of opposite sides, and one part is cut away; find the centre of gravity of the remainder.

10. From a square a triangular portion is cut off, by cutting the square along a line joining the middle points of two adjacent sides; find the centre of gravity of the remainder.

11. From a triangle is cut off  $\frac{1}{9}$ th of its area by a straight line parallel to its base. Find the position of the centre of gravity of the remainder.

12.  $ABC$  is an equilateral triangle, of 3 inches side, of which  $O$  is the centre of gravity. If the triangle  $OBC$  be removed, find the centre of gravity of the remainder.

13. If from a triangle  $ABC$  three equal triangles  $ARQ$ ,  $BPR$ , and  $CQP$ , be cut off, shew that the centres of inertia of the triangles  $ABC$  and  $PQR$  are coincident.

14.  $G$  is the centre of gravity of a given isosceles triangle, right angled at  $A$ , and having  $BC$  equal to  $a$ . The portion  $GBC$  is cut away; find the distance of the centre of gravity of the remainder from  $A$ .

15. On the same base  $BC$  are two triangles,  $ABC$  and  $A'BC$ , the vertex  $A'$  falling within the former triangle. Find the position of  $A'$  when it is the centre of gravity of the area between the two triangles.

16. Two triangles, each  $\frac{1}{m}$ th of the whole, are cut off from a given triangle at two of its angular points,  $B$  and  $C$ , by straight lines parallel to the opposite sides; find the c.g. of the remainder.

17. Out of a square plate shew how to cut a triangle, having one side of the square for base, so that the remainder may have its centre of gravity at the vertex of this triangle.

18. A uniform plate of metal, 10 inches square, has a hole of area 3 square inches cut out of it, the centre of the hole being  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the centre of the plate; find the position of the centre of gravity of the remainder of the plate.

19. Where must a circular hole, of 1 foot radius, be punched out of a circular disc, of 3 feet radius, so that the centre of gravity of the remainder may be 2 inches from the centre of the disc?

20. Two spheres, of radii  $a$  and  $b$ , touch internally; find the centre of gravity of the solid included between them.



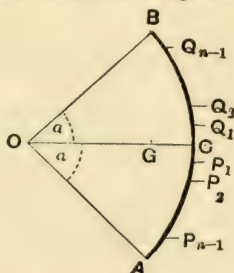
21. If a right cone be cut by a plane bisecting its axis at right angles, find the distance of the vertex of the cone from the centre of gravity of the frustum thus cut off.

22. A solid right circular cone of homogeneous iron, of height 64 inches and mass 8192 lbs., is cut by a plane perpendicular to its axis so that the mass of the small cone removed is 686 lbs. Find the height of the centre of gravity of the truncated portion above the base of the cone.

23. A solid right circular cone has its base scooped out, so that the hollow is a right cone on the same base; how much must be scooped out so that the centre of gravity of the remainder may coincide with the vertex of the hollow?

**\*117. Centre of gravity of a uniform circular arc.**

Let  $AB$  be a circular arc, subtending an angle  $2\alpha$  at its centre  $O$ , and let  $OC$  bisect the angle  $AOB$ .



Let the arc  $AB$  be divided into  $2n$  equal portions, the points of division, starting from  $C$ , being  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{n-1}$  towards  $A$ , and  $Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_{n-1}$  towards  $B$ .

At each of these points of division, and at the extremities  $A$  and  $B$ , and also at the point  $C$ , let there be placed equal particles, each of mass  $m$ .

Let the arc joining two successive particles subtend an angle  $\beta$  at the centre  $O$ , so that  $2n\beta = 2\alpha$ .

Since the system of particles is symmetrical with respect to the line  $OC$ , the centre of gravity,  $G$ , must lie on the line  $OC$ . Let  $\bar{x}$  be the distance  $OG$ .

Then, by Art. 111,

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x} &= \frac{mr + 2m \cdot r \cos \beta + 2m \cdot r \cos 2\beta + \dots + 2mr \cos n\beta}{m + 2m + 2m + \dots + 2m} \\ &= \frac{r}{2n+1} [1 + 2 \cos \beta + 2 \cos 2\beta + \dots + 2 \cos n\beta] \\ &= \frac{r}{2n+1} \left[ 1 + 2 \frac{\cos \frac{n+1}{2} \beta \sin \frac{n\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} \right], \quad [\text{Trig. Art. 242}]\end{aligned}$$

by summing the trigonometrical series,

$$\begin{aligned}&= \frac{r}{2n+1} \left[ 1 + \frac{\sin \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \beta - \sin \frac{\beta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}} \right] \\ &= r \frac{\sin \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \beta}{(2n+1) \sin \frac{\beta}{2}} = r \frac{\sin \left( \alpha + \frac{\alpha}{2n} \right)}{(2n+1) \sin \frac{\alpha}{2n}} \dots\dots\dots (i).\end{aligned}$$

Now let the number of particles be increased without limit,  $\alpha$  remaining constant, and consequently  $\beta$  decreasing without limit. We thus obtain the case of a uniform circular arc.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now } (2n+1) \sin \frac{\alpha}{2n} &= \frac{(2n+1)}{2n} \alpha \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2n}}{\frac{\alpha}{2n}} \\ &= \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2n} \right] \cdot \alpha \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{\alpha}{2n}}{\frac{\alpha}{2n}} = \alpha,\end{aligned}$$

when  $n$  is made indefinitely great.

Hence, in the case of a uniform circular arc, (i) becomes

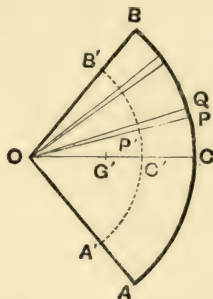
$$\bar{x} = r \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha}.$$

**Cor.** In the case of a semicircular arc, in which  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , the distance of the centre of gravity from the centre

$$= r \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{2}}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{2r}{\pi}.$$

**\*118. Centre of gravity of a sector of a circle.**

With the same notation as in the last article, let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two consecutive points on the circular boundary of the



sector, so that  $PQ$  is very approximately a straight line, and  $OPQ$  is a triangle with a very small vertical angle at  $O$ .

Take  $P'$  on  $OP$  such that  $OP' = \frac{2}{3}OP$ ; when  $PQ$  is very small,  $P'$  is the centre of gravity of the triangle  $OPQ$ .

By joining  $O$  to an indefinitely large number of consecutive points on the arc  $AB$ , the sector can be divided into an indefinitely large number of triangles, each of whose centres of gravity lies on the dotted circular arc, whose radius is  $\frac{2}{3}r$ .

Hence the centre of gravity of the sector is the same as

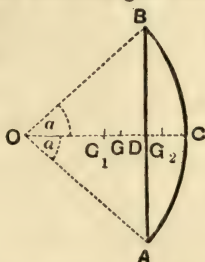
that of the circular arc  $A'C'B'$ , so that, by the last article,

$$OG' = OC' \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} = \frac{2}{3}r \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha}.$$

**Cor.** If the sector be a semi-circle,  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , and the distance  $OG' = \frac{4r}{3\pi}$ .

**\*119. Centre of gravity of the segment of a circle.**

The segment of a circle  $ACB$  is the difference between the sector  $OACB$  and the triangle  $OAB$ .



Using the same notation as in the two previous articles, let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be respectively the centres of gravity of the triangle  $AOB$  and the segment  $ACB$ . Also let  $G$  be the centre of gravity of the sector, and let  $AB$  meet  $OC$  in  $D$ .

We have, by Art. 109,

$$OG = \frac{\triangle AOB \times OG_1 + \text{segment } ACB \times OG_2}{\triangle AOB + \text{segment } ACB} \dots\dots(i).$$

But  $OG_1 = \frac{2}{3}OD = \frac{2}{3}r \cos \alpha,$

and  $OG = \frac{2}{3}r \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha}.$

Also  $\triangle AOB = \frac{1}{2}r^2 \sin 2\alpha,$

and  $\text{segment } ABC = \text{sector } AOB - \triangle AOB$

$$= \frac{1}{2}r^2 \cdot 2\alpha - \frac{1}{2}r^2 \sin 2\alpha.$$

Hence equation (i) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\frac{2}{3}r \sin a}{a} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}r^2 \sin 2a \times \frac{2}{3}r \cos a + \frac{1}{2}r^2 (2a - \sin 2a) \times OG_2}{\frac{1}{2}r^2 \cdot 2a} \\ &= \frac{\frac{2}{3}r \cos a \sin 2a + OG_2 (2a - \sin 2a)}{2a};\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{4}{3}r \sin a - \frac{2}{3}r \cos a \sin 2a = OG_2 (2a - \sin 2a);$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore OG_2 &= \frac{4}{3}r \frac{\sin a - \cos^2 a \sin a}{2a - \sin 2a} \\ &= \frac{4}{3}r \frac{\sin^3 a}{2a - \sin 2a}.\end{aligned}$$

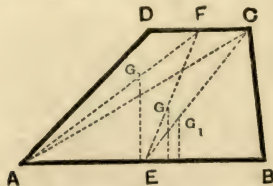
**\*120. Centre of gravity of a hemisphere.**

If a hemisphere be of radius  $r$ , the centre of gravity lies on that radius which is perpendicular to its plane face, and is at a distance  $\frac{3r}{8}$  from the centre of the plane face. If the hemisphere be hollow, the distance is  $\frac{r}{2}$ .

The proofs of these statements are difficult by elementary methods, and we shall not give them here\*.

**\*121. To find the centre of gravity of a quadrilateral lamina having two parallel sides.**

Let  $ABCD$  be the quadrilateral, having the sides  $AB$  and  $CD$  parallel and equal to  $2a$  and  $2b$  respectively.



Join  $AF$ ,  $AC$ ,  $FE$  and  $EC$ , and let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be the centres of gravity of the triangles  $ACB$  and  $ACD$  respectively.

\* Proofs of these statements will be found in Chapter xv.



Let  $EF$  be  $h$ , and let the perpendicular distance of  $C$ ,  $F$ , or  $D$  from  $AB$  be  $k$ .

The perpendiculars from  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  upon  $AB$  are therefore (by Art. 103 and similar triangles) equal to  $\frac{k}{3}$  and  $\frac{2k}{3}$ .

The triangles  $ABC$  and  $ACD$  have the same height and hence their areas, and therefore their weights, are proportional to their bases. (Euc. VI. 1.)

Hence wt. of  $\triangle ACB$  : wt. of  $\triangle ACD$

$$:: AB : CD$$

$$:: a : b.$$

The distance  $\bar{y}$  of the centre of gravity  $G$  of the quadrilateral from  $AB$  is therefore given by

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\text{wt. of } \triangle ACB \times \frac{k}{3} + \text{wt. of } \triangle ACD \times \frac{2k}{3}}{\text{wt. of } \triangle ACB + \text{wt. of } \triangle ACD} = \frac{k}{3} \frac{a + 2b}{a + b}.$$

But, by drawing lines parallel to the base, we can easily shew, as in Art. 103, that they are bisected by the line  $EF$ , and hence that the centre of gravity  $G$  must lie on  $EF$ .

$$\text{Hence } \frac{EG}{EF} = \frac{\bar{y}}{h} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{a + 2b}{a + b}, \text{ so that } EG = \frac{h}{3} \frac{a + 2b}{a + b},$$

$$\text{and } FG = h - EG = \frac{h}{3} \frac{2a + b}{a + b}.$$

$$\therefore EG : GF :: a + 2b : 2a + b.$$

**Aliter.** Join  $DE$  and  $EC$ ; replace the triangles  $ADE$ ,  $DEC$  and  $BEC$  by particles each one third of their weight placed at their angular points. Again replace the equal particles at  $C$  and  $D$  by a particle at  $F$  and the equal particles at  $A$  and  $B$  by one at  $E$ . We then have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{EG}{GF} &= \frac{\text{wt. at } F}{\text{wt. at } E} = \frac{\frac{1}{3} [2 \text{ wt. of } \triangle CEB + 2 \text{ wt. of } \triangle CED]}{\frac{1}{3} [4 \text{ wt. of } \triangle CEB + \text{wt. of } \triangle CED]} \\ &= \frac{a + 2b}{2a + b}. \end{aligned}$$

## EXAMPLES. XVIII.

1. A triangular table rests on supports at its vertices ; weights of 6, 8, and 10 lbs. are placed at the middle points of the sides. Find by how much the pressures on the legs are increased thereby.

2. A piece of thin uniform wire is bent into the form of a four-sided figure,  $ABCD$ , of which the sides  $AB$  and  $CD$  are parallel, and  $BC$  and  $DA$  are equally inclined to  $AB$ . If  $AB$  be 18 inches,  $CD$  12 inches, and  $BC$  and  $DA$  each 5 inches, find the distance from  $AB$  of the centre of gravity of the wire.

3.  $AB$ ,  $BC$  and  $CD$  are three equal uniform rods firmly joined, so as to form three successive sides of a regular hexagon, and are suspended from the point  $A$  ; shew that  $CD$  is horizontal.

4.  $ABC$  is a piece of uniform wire ; its two parts  $AB$  and  $BC$  are straight, and the angle  $ABC$  is  $135^\circ$ . It is suspended from a fixed point by a string attached to the wire at  $B$ , and the part  $AB$  is observed to be horizontal. Shew that  $BC$  is to  $AB$  as  $\sqrt{2}$  to 1.

5. A rod, of length  $5a$ , is bent so as to form 5 sides of a regular hexagon ; shew that the distance of its centre of gravity from either end of the rod is

$$\frac{a}{10} \sqrt{133}.$$

6. The side  $CD$  of a uniform trapezoidal lamina  $ABCD$  is twice as long as  $AB$ , to which it is opposite and parallel ; compare the distances of the centre of gravity of  $ABCD$  from  $AB$  and  $CD$ .

7. If the centre of gravity of a quadrilateral lamina  $ABCD$  coincide with one of the angles  $A$ , shew that the distances of  $A$  and  $C$  from the line  $BD$  are as 1 : 2.

8. A uniform quadrilateral  $ABCD$  has the sides  $AB$  and  $AD$ , and the diagonal  $AC$  all equal, and the angles  $BAC$  and  $CAD$  are  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively. If a weight, equal to two-thirds that of the triangle  $ABC$ , be attached at the point  $B$ , and the whole rest suspended from the point  $A$ , shew that the diagonal  $AC$  will be vertical.

9. Explain what will take place when 3 forces, represented by  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $CA$  respectively, act along the sides of a triangular board  $ABC$  which is supported on a smooth peg passing through its centre of gravity.

10. Three forces act at a point  $O$  in the plane of a triangle  $ABC$ , being represented by  $OA$ ,  $OB$  and  $OC$  ; where must be the point  $O$  so that the three forces may be in equilibrium ?

11. A particle  $P$  is attracted to three points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  by forces equal to  $\mu \cdot PA$ ,  $\mu \cdot PB$ , and  $\mu \cdot PC$  respectively ; shew that the resultant is  $3\mu \cdot PG$ , where  $G$  is the centre of gravity of the triangle  $ABC$ .

12. A particle  $P$  is acted upon by forces towards the points  $A, B, C, \dots$  which are represented by  $\lambda \cdot PA, \mu \cdot PB, \nu \cdot PC, \dots$ ; shew that their resultant is represented by  $(\lambda + \mu + \nu + \dots) PG$ , where  $G$  is the centre of gravity of weights placed at  $A, B, C, \dots$  proportional to  $\lambda, \mu, \nu, \dots$  respectively.

[This is the generalised form of Art. 42, and may be proved by successive applications of that article.]

13. A uniform rod is hung up by two strings attached to its ends, the other ends of the strings being attached to a fixed point; shew that the tensions of the strings are proportional to their lengths.

Prove that the same relation holds for a uniform triangular lamina hung up by three strings attached to its angular points.

14. Find the vertical angle of a cone in order that the centre of gravity of its whole surface, including its plane base, may coincide with the centre of gravity of its volume.

15. A cylinder and a cone have their bases joined together, the bases being of the same size; find the ratio of the height of the cone to the height of the cylinder so that the common centre of gravity may be at the centre of the common base.

16. Shew how to cut out of a uniform cylinder a cone, whose base coincides with that of the cylinder, so that the centre of gravity of the remaining solid may coincide with the vertex of the cone.

17. If the diameter of the base of a cone be to its altitude as  $1 : \sqrt{2}$ , shew that, when the greatest possible sphere has been cut out, the centre of gravity of the remainder coincides with that of the cone.

18. From a uniform right cone, whose vertical angle is  $60^\circ$ , is cut out the greatest possible sphere; shew that the centre of gravity of the remainder divides the axis in the ratio  $11 : 49$ .

19. A solid in the form of a right circular cone has its base scooped out, so that the hollow so formed is a right circular cone on the same base and of half the height of the original cone; find the position of the centre of gravity of the cone so formed.

20. A uniform equilateral triangle  $ABC$  is supported with the angle  $A$  in contact with a smooth wall by means of a string  $BD$ , equal in length to a side of the triangle, which is fastened to a point  $D$  vertically above  $A$ . Shew that the distances of  $B$  and  $C$  from the wall are as  $1 : 5$ .

21. A cone, whose height is equal to four times the radius of its base, is hung from a point in the circumference of its base; shew that it will rest with its base and axis equally inclined to the vertical.

22. Two right cones, consisting of the same material, have equal slant slides and vertical angles of  $60^\circ$  and  $120^\circ$  respectively, and are so joined that they have a slant side coincident. Shew that, if they be suspended from their common vertex, the line of contact will be inclined at  $15^\circ$  to the vertical.

23. A triangular piece of paper is folded across the line bisecting two sides, the vertex being thus brought to lie on the base of the triangle. Shew that the distance of the centre of inertia of the paper in this position from the base of the triangle is three-quarters that of the centre of inertia of the unfolded paper from the same line.

24. A rectangular sheet of stiff paper, whose length is to its breadth as  $\sqrt{2}$  to 1, lies on a horizontal table with its longer sides perpendicular to the edge and projecting over it. The corners on the table are then doubled over symmetrically, so that the creases pass through the middle point of the side joining the corners and make angles of  $45^\circ$  with it. The paper is now on the point of falling over; shew that it had originally  $\frac{2}{3}$ ths of its length on the table.

25. At each of  $n-1$  of the angular points of a regular polygon of  $n$  sides a particle is placed, the particles being equal; shew that the distance of their centre of gravity from the centre of the circle circumscribing the polygon is  $\frac{r}{n-1}$ , where  $r$  is the radius of the circle.

26. A square hole is punched out of a circular lamina, the diagonal of the square being a radius of the circle. Shew that the centre of gravity of the remainder is at a distance  $\frac{a}{8\pi-4}$  from the centre of the circle, where  $a$  is the diameter of the circle.

27. From a uniform triangular board the portion consisting of the area of the inscribed circle is removed; shew that the distance of the centre of gravity of the remainder from any side,  $a$ , is

$$\frac{S}{3as} \frac{2s^3 - 3\pi aS}{s^2 - \pi S},$$

where  $S$  is the area and  $s$  the semiperimeter of the board.

28. A circular hole of a given size is punched out of a uniform circular plate; shew that the centre of gravity lies within a certain circle.

29. The distances of the angular points and intersection of the diagonals of a plane quadrilateral lamina from any line in its plane are  $a, b, c, d$ , and  $e$ ; shew that the distance of the centre of inertia from the same line is  $\frac{1}{4}(a+b+c+d-e)$ .

30. If  $A$  and  $B$  be the positions of two masses,  $m$  and  $n$ , and if  $G$  be their centre of gravity, shew that, if  $P$  be any point, then

$$m \cdot AP^2 + n \cdot BP^2 = m \cdot AG^2 + n \cdot BG^2 + (m+n) PG^2.$$

Similarly, if there be any number of masses  $m, n, p, \dots$  at points  $A, B, C, \dots$ , and  $G$  be their centre of gravity, shew that

$$\begin{aligned} m \cdot AP^2 + n \cdot BP^2 + p \cdot CP^2 + \dots \\ = m \cdot AG^2 + n \cdot BG^2 + p \cdot CG^2 + \dots + (m+n+p+\dots) PG^2. \end{aligned}$$



## CHAPTER X.

### CENTRE OF GRAVITY (CONTINUED).

**122.** *If a rigid body be in equilibrium, one point only of the body being fixed, the centre of gravity of the body will be in the vertical line passing through the fixed point of the body.*

Let  $O$  be the fixed point of the body, and  $G$  its centre of gravity.



The forces acting on the body are the reaction at the fixed point of support of the body, and the weights of the component parts of the body.

The weights of these component parts are equivalent to a single vertical force through the centre of gravity of the body.



Also, when two forces keep a body in equilibrium, they must be equal and opposite and have the same line of action. But the lines of action cannot be the same unless the vertical line through  $G$  passes through the point  $O$ .

Two cases arise, the first, in which the centre of gravity  $G$  is below the point of suspension  $O$ , and the second, in which  $G$  is above  $O$ .

In the first case, the body, if slightly displaced from its position of equilibrium, will tend to return to this position; in the second case, the body will not tend to return to its position of equilibrium.

**123.** *To find, by experiment, the centre of gravity of a body of any shape.*

Fix one point  $O$  of the body and let the body assume its position of equilibrium. Take a point  $A$  of the body vertically below  $O$ ; then, by Art. 122, the centre of gravity is somewhere in the line  $OA$ .

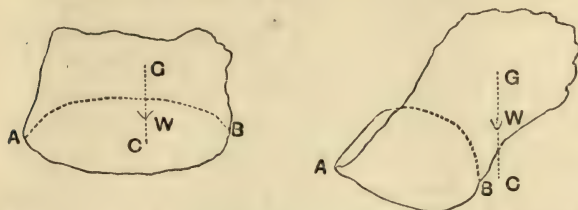
Secondly, release the point  $O$  of the body, and fix a second point  $O'$  (not in the straight line  $OA$ ); let the body take up its new position of equilibrium. Take a point  $A'$  in the body, vertically below  $O'$ , so that the centre of gravity is somewhere in the line  $O'A'$ .

The required centre of gravity will therefore be the point of intersection of the lines  $OA$  and  $O'A'$ .

The student should apply this method in the case of a body such as an irregularly shaped piece of paper; the points  $O$  and  $O'$  can be easily supported by means of a pin put through the paper.

**124.** *If a body be placed with its base in contact with a horizontal plane, it will stand, or fall, according as the vertical line drawn through the centre of gravity of the body meets the plane within, or without, the base.*

The forces acting on the body are its weight, which acts at its centre of gravity  $G$ , and the reactions of the plane,

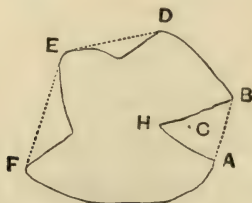


acting at different points of the base of the body. These reactions are all vertical, and hence they may be compounded into a single vertical force acting at some point of the base.

Since the resultant of two *like* parallel forces acts always at a point *between* the forces, it follows that the resultant of all the pressures on the base of the body cannot act through a point *outside* the base.

Hence, if the vertical line through the centre of gravity of the body meet the plane at a point outside the base, it cannot be balanced by the resultant pressure, and the body cannot therefore be in equilibrium, but must fall over.

If the base of the body be a figure having a re-entrant



angle, as in the above figure, we must extend the meaning of the word "base" in the enunciation to mean the area

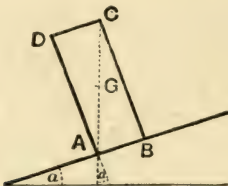
included in the figure obtained by drawing a piece of thread tightly round the geometrical base. In the above figure the "base" therefore means the area  $ABDEFA$ .

For example, the point  $C$ , at which the resultant pressure acts, may lie within the area  $AHB$ , but it cannot lie without the dotted line  $AB$ .

If the point  $C$  were on the line  $AB$ , between  $A$  and  $B$ , the body would be on the point of falling over.

**125. Ex.** *A cylinder, of height  $h$ , and the radius of whose base is  $r$ , is placed on an inclined plane and prevented from sliding; if the inclination of the plane be gradually increased, find when the cylinder will topple.*

Let the figure represent the section of the cylinder when it is on the point of toppling over; the vertical line through the centre of



gravity  $G$  of the body must therefore just pass through the end  $A$  of the base. Hence  $CAD$  must be equal to the angle of inclination,  $\alpha$ , of the plane.

$$\text{Hence} \quad \frac{h}{2r} = \frac{CB}{AB} = \tan CAB = \cot \alpha;$$

$$\therefore \tan \alpha = \frac{2r}{h},$$

giving the required inclination of the plane.

### Stable, unstable, and neutral equilibrium.

**126.** We have pointed out in Art. 122 that the body in the first figure of that article would, if slightly displaced, tend to return to its position of equilibrium, and that the body in the second figure would not tend to return

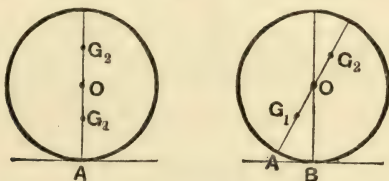
to its original position of equilibrium, but would recede still further from that position.

These two bodies are said to be in stable and unstable equilibrium respectively.

Again, a cone, resting with its flat circular base in contact with a horizontal plane, would, if slightly displaced, return to its position of equilibrium; if resting with its vertex in contact with the plane it would, if slightly displaced, recede still further from its position of equilibrium; whilst, if placed with its slant side in contact with the plane, it will remain in equilibrium in any position. The equilibrium in the latter case is said to be neutral.

**127.** Consider, again, the case of a heavy sphere, resting on a horizontal plane, whose centre of gravity is not at its centre.

Let the first figure represent the position of equilibrium, the centre of gravity being either below the centre  $O$ , as  $G_1$ ,



or above, as  $G_2$ . Let the second figure represent the sphere turned through a small angle, so that  $B$  is now the point of contact with the plane.

The pressure of the plane still acts through the centre of the sphere.

If the weight of the body act through  $G_1$ , it is clear that the body will return towards its original position of equilibrium, and therefore the body was originally in stable equilibrium.

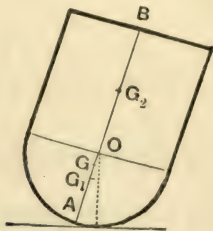
If the weight act through  $G_2$ , the body will move still further from its original position of equilibrium, and therefore it was originally in unstable equilibrium.

If however the centre of gravity of the body had been at  $O$ , then, in the case of the second figure, the weight would still be balanced by the pressure of the plane; the body would thus remain in the new position, and the equilibrium would be called neutral.

**128. Def.** A body is said to be in **stable** equilibrium when, if it be slightly displaced from its position of equilibrium, the forces acting on the body tend to make it return towards its position of equilibrium; it is in **unstable** equilibrium when, if it be slightly displaced, the forces tend to move it still further from its position of equilibrium; it is in **neutral** equilibrium, if the forces acting on it in its displaced position be in equilibrium.

**129. Ex.** *A homogeneous body, consisting of a cylinder and a hemisphere joined at their bases, is placed with the hemispherical end on a horizontal table; is the equilibrium stable or unstable?*

Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be the centres of gravity of the hemisphere and



cylinder, and let  $A$  be the point of the body which is initially in contact with the table, and let  $O$  be the centre of the base of the hemisphere.



If  $h$  be the height of the cylinder, and  $r$  be the radius of the base, we have

$$OG_1 = \frac{3}{8}r \text{ (Art. 120), and } OG_2 = \frac{h}{2}.$$

Also the weights of the hemisphere and cylinder are proportional to  $\frac{3}{8}\pi r^3$  and  $\pi r^2 h$ .

The reaction of the plane, in the displaced position of the body, always passes through the centre  $O$ .

The equilibrium is stable or unstable according as  $G$ , the centre of gravity of the compound body, is below or above  $O$ , *i.e.*, according as

$$OG_1 \times \text{wt. of hemisphere is } \begin{matrix} > \\ < \end{matrix} OG_2 \times \text{wt. of cylinder,}$$

$$\text{i.e., according as } \frac{3}{8}r \times \frac{3}{8}\pi r^3 \text{ is } \begin{matrix} > \\ < \end{matrix} \frac{h}{2} \times \pi r^2 h,$$

$$\text{i.e., according as } \frac{r^2}{2} \text{ is } \begin{matrix} > \\ < \end{matrix} h^2,$$

$$\text{i.e., according as } r \text{ is } \begin{matrix} > \\ < \end{matrix} \sqrt{2}h.$$

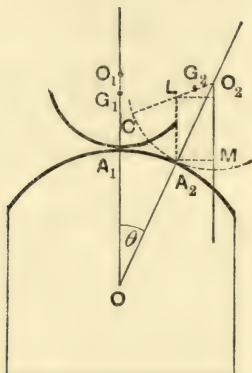
**\*\*130.** Within the limits of this book we cannot enter into the general discussion of the equilibrium of one body resting on another; in the following article we shall discuss the case in which the portions of the two bodies in contact are spherical.

*A body rests in equilibrium upon another fixed body, the portions of the two bodies in contact being spheres of radii  $r$  and  $R$  respectively; if the first body be slightly displaced to find whether the equilibrium is stable or unstable, the bodies being rough enough to prevent sliding.*

Let  $O$  be the centre of the spherical surface of the lower body, and  $O_1$  that of the upper body; since there is equilibrium, the centre of gravity  $G_1$  of the upper body must be in the line  $OO_1$ , which passes through the point of contact  $A_1$  of the bodies.

Let  $A_1G_1$  be  $h$ .

Let the upper body be slightly displaced, by rolling, so that the new position of the centre of the upper body



is  $O_2$ , the new point of contact is  $A_2$ , the new position of the centre of gravity is  $G_2$ , and the new position of the point  $A_1$  is  $C$ . Hence  $CG_2$  is  $h$ .

Through  $A_2$  draw  $A_2L$  vertically to meet  $O_2C$  in  $L$ , and draw  $O_2M$  vertically downwards to meet a horizontal line through  $A_2$  in  $M$ .

Let the angle  $A_2OA_1$  be  $\theta$ , and let  $A_2O_2C$  be  $\phi$ , so that the angle  $CO_2M$  is  $(\theta + \phi)$ .

Since the upper body has rolled into its new position, the arc  $A_1A_2$  is equal to the arc  $CA_2$ .

Hence  $R \cdot \theta = r \cdot \phi$ .....(1),  
where  $r$  and  $R$  are respectively the radii of the upper and lower surfaces.

The equilibrium is stable, or unstable, according as  $G_2$  lies to the left, or right, of the line  $A_2L$ ,  
i.e., according as the distance of  $G_2$  from  $O_2M$  is

> or < the distance of  $L$  from  $O_2M$ , i.e.,  $A_2M$ ,

*i.e.*, according as

$$O_2G_2 \sin (\theta + \phi) \text{ is } > \text{ or } < O_2A_2 \sin \theta,$$

*i.e.*, according as

$$(r - h) \sin (\theta + \phi) \text{ is } > \text{ or } < r \sin \theta,$$

*i.e.*, according as

$$\frac{r - h}{r} \text{ is } > \text{ or } < \frac{\sin \theta}{\sin (\theta + \phi)}.$$

But

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\sin (\theta + \phi)} = \frac{\theta}{\theta + \phi},$$

since  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  are both very small,

$$= \frac{r}{r + R}, \text{ by equation (1).}$$

Hence the equilibrium is stable, or unstable, according as

$$\frac{r - h}{r} \text{ is } > \text{ or } < \frac{r}{r + R},$$

*i.e.*, according as  $r - \frac{r^2}{r + R}$  is  $>$  or  $< h$ ,

*i.e.*, according as  $\frac{Rr}{r + R}$  is  $>$  or  $< h$ ,

*i.e.*, according as

$$\frac{1}{h} \text{ is } > \text{ or } < \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{R}.$$

If  $\frac{1}{h} = \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{R}$ , the equilibrium is sometimes said to be neutral; it is however really unstable, but the investigation is beyond the limits of this book.

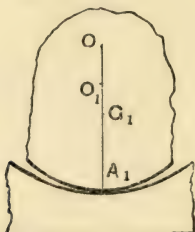
Hence the equilibrium is stable only when

$$\frac{1}{h} \text{ is } > \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{R};$$

in all other cases it is unstable.

**Cor. 1.** If the surface of the lower body, instead of being convex, as in the above figure, be concave, as in

the following figure, the above investigation will still apply provided we change the sign of  $R$ .



Hence the equilibrium is stable when

$$\frac{1}{h} \text{ is } > \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{R};$$

otherwise it is, in general, unstable.

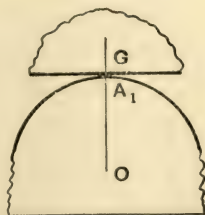
**Cor. 2.** If the upper body have a plane face in contact with the lower body, as in the following figure,  $r$  is now infinite in value, and therefore  $\frac{1}{r}$  is zero.

Hence the equilibrium is stable if

$$\frac{1}{h} \text{ be } > \frac{1}{R};$$

*i.e.*, if  $h \text{ be } < R$ .

Hence the equilibrium is stable, if the distance of the centre of gravity of the upper body from its plane face be less than the radius of the lower body; otherwise the equilibrium is unstable.



**Cor. 3.** If the lower body be a plane, so that  $R$  is infinity, the equilibrium is stable if

$$\frac{1}{h} \text{ be } > \frac{1}{r}, \text{ i.e., if } h \text{ be } < r.$$

Hence, if a body of spherical base be placed on a horizontal table, it is in stable equilibrium, if the distance of its centre of gravity from the point of contact be less than the radius of the spherical surface.

### EXAMPLES. XIX.

1. A carpenter's rule, 2 feet in length, is bent into two parts at right angles to one another, the length of the shorter portion being 8 inches. If the shorter be placed on a smooth horizontal table, what is the length of the least portion on the table that there may be equilibrium?

2. A piece of metal, 18 cubic inches in volume, is made into a cylinder which rests with its base on an inclined plane, of  $30^\circ$  slope, and is prevented from slipping. How tall may the cylinder be made so that it may just not topple over?

3. If a triangular lamina  $ABC$  can just rest in a vertical plane with its edge  $AB$  in contact with a smooth table, prove that

$$BC^2 \sim AC^2 = 3AB^2.$$

4. The side  $CD$  of a uniform square plate  $ABCD$ , whose weight is  $W$ , is bisected at  $E$  and the triangle  $AED$  is cut off. The plate  $ABCEA$  is placed in a vertical position with the side  $CE$  on a horizontal plane. What is the greatest weight that can be placed at  $A$  without upsetting the plate?

5.  $ABC$  is a flat board,  $A$  being a right angle and  $AC$  in contact with a flat table;  $D$  is the middle point of  $AC$  and the triangle  $ABD$  is cut away; shew that the triangle is just on the point of falling over.

6. A brick is laid with one-quarter of its length projecting over the edge of a wall; a brick and one-quarter of a brick are then laid on the first with one-quarter of a brick projecting over the edge of the first brick; a brick and a half are laid on this, and so on; shew that 4 courses of brick laid in the above manner will be in equilibrium without the aid of mortar, but that, if a fifth course be added, the structure will topple.



7. How many coins, of the same size and having their thicknesses equal to  $\frac{1}{20}$ th of their diameters, can stand in a cylindrical pile on an inclined plane, whose height is one-sixth of the base, assuming that there is no slipping?

If the edge of each coin overlap on one side that of the coin below, find by what fraction of the diameter each must overlap so that a pile of unlimited height may stand on the plane.

8. A number of bricks, each 9 inches long, 4 inches wide, and 3 inches thick, are placed one on another so that, whilst their narrowest surfaces, or thicknesses, are in the same vertical plane, each brick overlaps the one underneath it by half an inch; the lowest brick being placed on a table, how many bricks can be so placed without their falling over?

9.  $ABC$  is an isosceles triangle, of weight  $W$ , of which the angle  $A$  is  $120^\circ$ , and the side  $AB$  rests on a smooth horizontal table, the plane of the triangle being vertical; if a weight  $\frac{W}{3}$  be hung on at  $C$ , shew that the triangle will just be on the point of toppling over.

10. The quadrilateral lamina  $ABCD$  is formed of two uniform isosceles triangles  $ABC$  and  $ADC$ , whose vertices are  $B$  and  $D$ , on opposite sides of a common base  $AC$ , the angle  $ABC$  being a right angle. Shew that it will rest in a vertical plane with  $BC$  on a horizontal plane, provided the area of  $ADC$  be not greater than four times that of  $ABC$ .

11. A body, consisting of a cone and a hemisphere on the same base, rests on a rough horizontal table, the hemisphere being in contact with the table; find the greatest height of the cone so that the equilibrium may be stable.

12. A solid consists of a cylinder and a hemisphere of equal radius, fixed base to base; find the ratio of the height to the radius of the cylinder, so that the equilibrium may be neutral when the spherical surface rests on a horizontal plane.

13. A hemisphere rests in equilibrium on a sphere of equal radius; shew that the equilibrium is unstable when the curved, and stable when the flat, surface of the hemisphere rests on the sphere.

14. A heavy right cone rests with its base on a fixed rough sphere of given radius; find the greatest height of the cone if it be in stable equilibrium.

15. A uniform beam, of thickness  $2b$ , rests symmetrically on a perfectly rough horizontal cylinder of radius  $a$ ; shew that the equilibrium of the beam will be stable or unstable according as  $b$  is less or greater than  $a$ .

16. A heavy uniform cube balances on the highest point of a sphere, whose radius is  $r$ . If the sphere be rough enough to prevent sliding, and if the side of the cube be  $\frac{\pi r}{2}$ , shew that the cube can rock through a right angle without falling.

17. A lamina in the form of an isosceles triangle, whose vertical angle is  $\alpha$ , is placed on a sphere, of radius  $r$ , so that its plane is vertical and one of its equal sides is in contact with the sphere; shew that, if the triangle be slightly displaced in its own plane, the equilibrium is stable if  $\sin \alpha$  be less than  $\frac{3r}{a}$ , where  $a$  is one of the equal sides of the triangle.

18. A weight  $W$  is supported on a smooth inclined plane by a given weight  $P$ , connected with  $W$  by means of a string passing round a fixed pulley whose position is given. Find the position of  $W$  on the plane, and determine whether the position is stable or unstable.

19. A rough uniform circular disc, of radius  $r$  and weight  $p$ , is movable about a point distant  $c$  from its centre. A string, rough enough to prevent any slipping, hangs over the circumference and carries unequal weights  $W$  and  $w$  at its ends. Find the position of equilibrium, and determine whether it is stable or unstable.

## CHAPTER XI.

### MACHINES.

**131.** IN the present chapter we shall explain and discuss the equilibrium of some of the simpler machines, viz., (1) The Lever, (2) The Pulley and Systems of Pulleys, (3) The Inclined Plane, (4) The Wheel and Axle, (5) The Common Balance, (6) The Steelyards, and (7) The Screw.

We shall suppose the different portions of these machines to be smooth, and that the forces acting on them always balance, so that the machines are at rest.

**132.** The Lever, The Wheel and Axle, The Balance, and the Steelyards are similar machines. In each we have either a point, or an axis, fixed about which the machine can revolve.

In the pulleys the essential part is a flexible string or strings.

**133.** When two external forces applied to a machine balance, one is called the Power and the other is called the Weight.

A machine is always used in practice to overcome some resistance; the force we exert on the machine is the power; the resistance to be overcome, in whatever form it may appear, is called the Weight.

**134. Mechanical Advantage.** If in any machine a power  $P$  balance a weight  $W$ , the ratio  $W : P$  is called the mechanical advantage of the machine, so that

$$\text{Weight} = \text{Power} \times \text{Mechanical Advantage.}$$

Almost all machines are constructed so that the mechanical advantage is a ratio greater than unity.

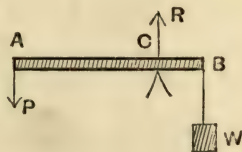
If in any machine the mechanical advantage be less than unity, it may, with more accuracy, be called mechanical disadvantage.

## I. The Lever.

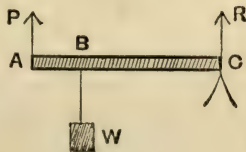
**135.** The Lever consists essentially of a rigid bar, straight or bent, which has one point fixed about which the rest of the lever can turn. This fixed point is called the Fulcrum, and the perpendicular distances between the fulcrum and the lines of action of the power and the weight are called the arms of the lever.

When the lever is straight, and the power and weight act perpendicular to the lever, it is usual to distinguish three classes or orders.

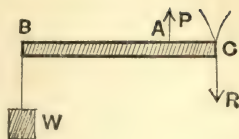
**Class I.** Here the power  $P$  and the weight  $W$  act on opposite sides of the fulcrum  $C$ .



**Class II.** Here the power  $P$  and the weight  $W$  act on the same side of the fulcrum  $C$ , but the former acts at a greater distance than the latter from the fulcrum.



**Class III.** Here the power  $P$  and the weight  $W$  act on the same side of the fulcrum  $C$ , but the former acts at a less distance than the latter from the fulcrum.



**136.** *Conditions of equilibrium of a straight lever.*

In each case we have three parallel forces acting on the body, so that the reaction,  $R$ , at the fulcrum must be equal and opposite to the resultant of  $P$  and  $W$ .

In the first class  $P$  and  $W$  are like parallel forces, so that their resultant is  $P + W$ . Hence

$$R = P + W.$$

In the second class  $P$  and  $W$  are unlike parallel forces, so that

$$R = W - P.$$

So in the third class  $R = P - W$ .

In the first and third cases we see that  $R$  and  $P$  act in opposite directions; in the second class they act in the same direction.

In all three classes, since the resultant of  $P$  and  $W$  passes through  $C$ , we have, as in Art. 53,

$$P \cdot AC = W \cdot BC,$$

*i.e.*  $P \times \text{the arm of } P = W \times \text{the arm of } W.$

Since  $\frac{W}{P} = \frac{\text{arm of } P}{\text{arm of } W}$ , we observe that generally in Class I., and always in Class II., there is mechanical advantage, but that in Class III. there is mechanical disadvantage.

The practical use of levers of the latter class is to apply a force at some point at which it is not easy to apply the force directly.



**137.** In the previous article we have neglected the weight of the bar itself.

If the weight be taken into consideration we must, as in Art. 91, obtain the conditions of equilibrium by equating to zero the algebraic sum of the moments of the forces about the fulcrum  $C$ .

**138.** Examples of the different classes of levers are ;

**Class I.** A Poker (*when used to stir the fire, the bar of the grate being the fulcrum*) ; A Claw-hammer (*when used to extract nails*) ; A Crowbar (*when used with a point in it resting on a fixed support*) ; A Pair of Scales ; The Brake of a Pump.

Double levers of this class are ; A Pair of Scissors, A Pair of Pincers.

**Class II.** A Wheelbarrow ; A Cork Squeezer ; A Crowbar (*with one end in contact with the ground*) ; An Oar (*assuming the end of the oar in contact with the water to be at rest*).

A Pair of Nutcrackers is a double lever of this class.

**Class III.** The Treadle of a Lathe ; The Human Forearm (*when the latter is used to support a weight placed on the palm of the hand. The Fulcrum is the elbow, and the tension exerted by the muscles is the power*).

A Pair of Sugar-tongs is a double lever of this class.

**139.** *Bent Levers.*

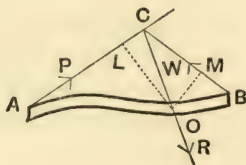
Let  $AOB$  be a bent lever, of which  $O$  is the fulcrum, and let  $OL$  and  $OM$  be the perpendiculars from  $O$  upon the lines of action  $AC$  and  $BC$  of the power  $P$  and the weight  $W$ .

The condition of equilibrium of Art. 91 again applies, and we have, by taking moments about  $O$ ,

$$P \cdot OL = W \cdot OM \dots\dots\dots(1);$$

$$\therefore \frac{P}{W} = \frac{OM}{OL}$$

=  $\frac{\text{perpendicular from fulcrum on direction of the weight}}{\text{perpendicular from fulcrum on direction of the power}}.$



To obtain the reaction at  $O$  let the directions of  $P$  and  $W$  meet in  $C$ . Since there are only three forces acting on the body, the direction of the reaction  $R$  at  $O$  must pass through  $C$ , and then, by Lami's Theorem, we have

$$\frac{R}{\sin ACB} = \frac{P}{\sin BCO} = \frac{W}{\sin ACO}.$$

The reaction may also be obtained, as in Art. 48, by resolving the forces  $R$ ,  $P$ , and  $W$  in two directions at right angles.

If the power and weight be parallel forces, the reaction  $R$  is parallel to either of them and equal to  $(P + W)$ , and, as before, we have

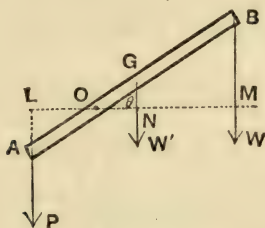
$$P \cdot OL = W \cdot OM,$$

where  $OL$  and  $OM$  are the perpendiculars from  $O$  upon the lines of action of the forces.

If the weight  $W'$  of the lever be not neglected, we have an additional term to introduce into our equation of moments.

**140.** *If two weights balance, about a fixed fulcrum, at the extremities of a straight lever, in any position inclined to the vertical, they will balance in any other position.*

Let  $AB$  be the lever, of weight  $W'$ , and let its centre of gravity be  $G$ . Let the lever balance about a fulcrum



$O$  in any position inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal, the weights at  $A$  and  $B$  being  $P$  and  $W$  respectively.

Through  $O$  draw a horizontal line  $LONM$  to meet the lines of action of  $P$ ,  $W'$ , and  $W$  in  $L$ ,  $N$ , and  $M$  respectively.

Since the forces balance about  $O$ , we have

$$P \cdot OL = W \cdot OM + W' \cdot ON.$$

$$\therefore P \cdot OA \cos \theta = W \cdot OB \cos \theta + W' \cdot OG \cos \theta.$$

$$\therefore P \cdot OA = W \cdot OB + W' \cdot OG.$$

This condition of equilibrium is independent of the inclination  $\theta$  of the lever to the horizontal; hence in any other position of the lever the condition would be the same.

Hence, if the lever be in equilibrium in one position, it will be in equilibrium in all positions.

## EXAMPLES. XX.

1. In a weightless lever, if one of the forces be equal to 10 lbs. wt. and the pressure on the fulcrum be equal to 16 lbs. wt., and the length of the shorter arm be 3 feet, find the length of the longer arm.

2. Where must the fulcrum be so that a weight of 6 lbs. may balance a weight of 8 lbs. on a straight weightless lever, 7 feet long?

If each weight be increased by 1 lb., in what direction will the lever turn?

3. If two forces, applied to a weightless lever, balance, and if the pressure on the fulcrum be ten times the difference of the forces, find the ratio of the arms.

4. A lever, 1 yard long, has weights of 6 and 20 lbs. fastened to its ends, and balances about a point distant 9 inches from one end; find its weight.

5. A straight lever,  $AB$ , 12 feet long, balances about a point, 1 foot from  $A$ , when a weight of 13 lbs. is suspended from  $A$ . It will balance about a point, which is 1 foot from  $B$ , when a weight of 11 lbs. is suspended from  $B$ . Shew that the centre of gravity of the lever is 5 inches from the middle point of the lever.

6. A straight uniform lever is kept in equilibrium by weights of 12 and 5 lbs. respectively attached to the ends of its arms, and the length of one arm is double that of the other. What is the weight of the lever?

7. A straight uniform lever, of length 5 feet and weight 10 lbs., has its fulcrum at one end and weights of 3 and 6 lbs. are fastened to it at distances of 1 and 3 feet respectively from the fulcrum; it is kept horizontal by a force at its other end; find the pressure on the fulcrum.

8. A uniform lever is 18 inches long and is of weight 18 ounces; find the position of the fulcrum when a weight of 27 ounces at one end of the lever balances one of 9 ounces at the other.

If the lesser weight be doubled, by how much must the position of the fulcrum be shifted so as to preserve equilibrium?

9. Two weights, of 8 and 4 ounces, are in equilibrium when attached to the opposite ends of a rod of negligible weight; if 2 ounces be added to the greater, the fulcrum must be moved through  $\frac{4}{3}$ ths of an inch to preserve equilibrium; find the length of the lever.

10. The short arm of one lever is hinged to the long arm of a second lever, and the short arm of the latter is attached to a press; the long arms being each 3 feet in length, and the short arms 6 inches, find what pressure will be produced on the press by a force, equal to 10 stone weight, applied to the long end of the first lever.

11. A straight heavy uniform lever, 21 inches long, has a fulcrum at its end. A power, equal to the weight of 12 lbs., acting at a distance of 7 inches from the fulcrum, supports a weight of 3 lbs. hanging at the other end of the lever. If the weight be increased by 1 lb., what power at a distance of 5 inches from the fulcrum will support the lever?

12. On a lever, forces of 13 and 14 lbs. weight balance, and their directions meet at an angle whose cosine is  $-\frac{1}{3}$ ; find the pressure on the fulcrum.

13. A straight lever is acted on, at its extremities, by forces in the ratio  $\sqrt{3}+1 : \sqrt{3}-1$ , and which are inclined at angles of  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  to its length. Find the magnitude of the pressure on the fulcrum, and the direction in which it acts.

14. The arms of a bent lever are at right angles to one another, and the arms are in the ratio of 5 to 1. The longer arm is inclined to the horizon at an angle of  $45^\circ$ , and carries at its end a weight of 10 lbs.; the end of the shorter arm presses against a horizontal plane; find the pressure on the plane.

15. The arms of a uniform heavy bent rod are inclined to one another at an angle of  $120^\circ$ , and their lengths are in the ratio of 2:1; if the rod be suspended from its angular point, find the position in which it will rest.

16. A uniform bar, of length  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet and weight 17 lbs., rests on a horizontal table with one end projecting  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet over the edge; find the greatest weight that can be attached to its end, without making the bar topple over.

17. A straight weightless lever has for its fulcrum a hinge at one end  $A$ , and from a point  $B$  is hung a body of weight  $W$ . If the strain at the hinge must not exceed  $\frac{1}{2}W$  in either direction, upwards or downwards, shew that the power must act somewhere within a space equal to  $\frac{4}{3}AB$ .

18. Shew that the propelling force on an eight-oared boat is 224 lbs. weight, supposing each man to pull his oar with a force of 56 lbs. weight, and that the length of the oar from the middle of the blade to the handle is three times that from the handle to the row-lock.

19. In a pair of nutcrackers, 5 inches long, if the nut be placed at a distance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the hinge, a pressure of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. applied to the ends of the arms will crack the nut. What weight placed on the top of the nut will crack it?

20. A man raises a 3-foot cube of stone, weighing 2 tons, by means of a crowbar, 4 feet long, after having thrust one end of the bar under the stone to a distance of 6 inches; what force must be applied at the other end of the bar to raise the stone?



**21.** A cubical block, of edge  $a$ , is being turned over by a crowbar applied at the middle point of the edge in a plane through its centre of gravity; if the crowbar be held at rest when it is inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the horizon, the lower face of the block being then inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizon, and if the weight of the block be  $n$  times the force applied, find the length of the crowbar, the force being applied at right angles to the crowbar.

## II. Pulleys.

**141.** A pulley is composed of a wheel of wood, or metal, grooved along its circumference to receive a string or rope; it can turn freely about an axle passing through its centre perpendicular to its plane, the ends of this axle being supported by a frame of wood called the block.

A pulley is said to be movable or fixed according as its block is movable or fixed.

The weight of the pulley is often so small, compared with the weights which it supports, that it may be neglected; such a pulley is called a weightless pulley.

We shall always neglect the weight of the string or rope which passes round the pulley.

We shall also always consider the pulley to be perfectly smooth, so that the tension of a string which passes round a pulley is constant throughout its length.

**142. Single Pulley.** The use of a single pulley is to apply a power in a different direction from that in which it is convenient to us to apply the power.

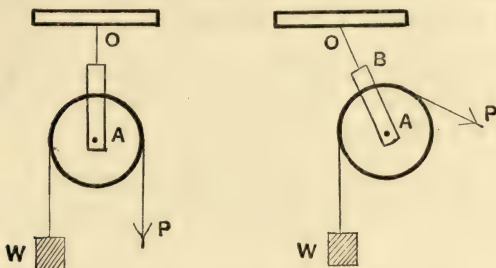
Thus, in the first figure, a man standing on the ground and pulling vertically at one end of the rope might support a weight  $W$  hanging at the other end; in the second figure the same man pulling sideways might support the weight.

In each case the tension of the string passing round the pulley is unaltered; the power  $P$  is therefore equal to the weight  $W$ .

In the first figure the action on the fixed support to which the block is attached must balance the other forces on the pulley-block, and must therefore be equal to

$$W + P + w,$$

i.e.,  $2W + w$ , where  $w$  is the weight of the pulley-block.



In the second figure, neglecting the weight of the pulley, the power  $P$ , and the weight  $W$ , being equal, must be equally inclined to the line  $OA$ .

Hence, if  $T$  be the tension of the supporting string  $OB$  and  $2\theta$  the angle between the directions of  $P$  and  $W$ , we have

$$T = P \cos \theta + W \cos \theta = 2W \cos \theta.$$

If  $w$  be the weight of the pulley, we should have,

$$\begin{aligned} T^2 &= (W + w)^2 + P^2 + 2(W + w) \cdot P \cdot \cos 2\theta \\ &= 2W^2 + 2Ww + w^2 + 2(W + w) \cdot W(2 \cos^2 \theta - 1), \text{ since } P \text{ and } W \text{ are equal,} \\ &= w^2 + 4W(W + w) \cos^2 \theta. \end{aligned}$$

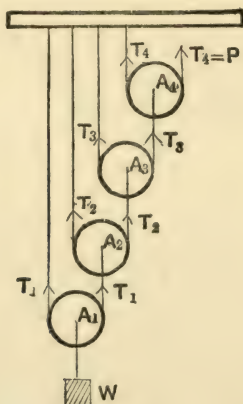
**143.** We shall discuss three systems of pulleys and shall follow the usual order; there is no particular reason for this order, but it is convenient to retain it for purposes of reference.

**144. First system of Pulleys.** *Each string attached to the supporting beam. To find the relation between the power and the weight.*

In this system of pulleys the weight is attached to the lowest pulley, and the string passing round it has one end attached to the fixed beam, and the other end attached to the next highest pulley; the string passing round the latter pulley has one end attached to the fixed beam, and the other to the next pulley, and so on; the power is applied to the free end of the last string.

Often there is an additional fixed pulley over which the free end of the last string passes; the power may then be applied as a downward force.

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  be the pulleys, beginning from the lowest, and let the tensions of the strings passing round



them be  $T_1, T_2, \dots$ . Let  $W$  be the weight and  $P$  the power.

[N.B. The string passing round any pulley,  $A_2$  say, pulls  $A_2$  vertically *upwards*, and pulls  $A_3$  *downwards*.]

I. *Let the weights of the pulleys be neglected.*

From the equilibrium of the pulleys  $A_1, A_2, \dots$ , taken in order, we have

$$2T_1 = W; \therefore T_1 = \frac{1}{2}W.$$

$$2T_2 = T_1; \therefore T_2 = \frac{1}{2}T_1 = \frac{1}{2^2}W.$$

$$2T_3 = T_2; \therefore T_3 = \frac{1}{2}T_2 = \frac{1}{2^3}W.$$

$$2T_4 = T_3; \therefore T_4 = \frac{1}{2}T_3 = \frac{1}{2^4}W.$$

But, with our figure,  $T_4 = P$ .

$$\therefore P = \frac{1}{2^4}W.$$

Similarly, if there were  $n$  pulleys, we should have

$$P = \frac{1}{2^n}W.$$

Hence, in this system of pulleys, the mechanical advantage

$$= \frac{W}{P} = 2^n.$$

II. *Let the weights of the pulleys in succession, beginning from the lowest, be  $w_1, w_2, \dots$*

In this case we have an additional downward force on each pulley.

Resolving as before, we have

$$2T_1 = W + w_1,$$

$$2T_2 = T_1 + w_2,$$

$$2T_3 = T_2 + w_3,$$

$$2T_4 = T_3 + w_4.$$

$$\therefore T_1 = \frac{W}{2} + \frac{w_1}{2},$$

$$T_2 = \frac{1}{2}T_1 + \frac{w_2}{2} = \frac{W}{2^2} + \frac{w_1}{2^2} + \frac{w_2}{2},$$

$$T_3 = \frac{1}{2}T_2 + \frac{w_3}{2} = \frac{W}{2^3} + \frac{w_1}{2^3} + \frac{w_2}{2^2} + \frac{w_3}{2},$$

$$\text{and } P = T_4 = \frac{1}{2}T_3 + \frac{w_4}{2} = \frac{W}{2^4} + \frac{w_1}{2^4} + \frac{w_2}{2^3} + \frac{w_3}{2^2} + \frac{w_4}{2}.$$

Similarly, if there were  $n$  pulleys, we should have

$$* \quad P = \frac{W}{2^n} + \frac{w_1}{2^n} + \frac{w_2}{2^{n-1}} + \dots + \frac{w_n}{2}.$$

$$\therefore 2^n P = W + w_1 + 2 \cdot w_2 + 2^2 w_3 + \dots + 2^{n-1} w_n.$$

If the pulleys be all equal, we have

$$w_1 = w_2 = \dots = w_n.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 2^n P &= W + w (1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}) \\ &= W + w (2^n - 1), \end{aligned}$$

by summing the geometrical progression.

It follows that the mechanical advantage,  $\frac{W}{P}$ , depends on the weight of the pulleys.

In this system of pulleys we observe that the greater the weight of the pulleys, the greater must  $P$  be to support a given weight  $W$ ; the weights of the pulleys oppose the power, and the pulleys should therefore be made as light as is consistent with the required strength.

*Stress on the beam from which the pulleys are hung.*

Let  $R$  be the stress on the beam. Since  $R$ , together with the power  $P$ , supports the system of pulleys, together with the weight  $W$ , we have

$$R + P = W + w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n.$$



$$\begin{aligned}\therefore R &= W + w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n - \frac{W + w_1 + 2w_2 + 2^2w_3 + \dots + 2^{n-1}w_n}{2^n} \\ &= W \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right) + w_1 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right) + w_2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\right) \\ &\quad + w_3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{n-2}}\right) + \dots + w_n \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right).\end{aligned}$$

**Ex.** If there be 4 movable pulleys, whose weights, commencing with the lowest, are 4, 5, 6, and 7 lbs., what power will support a body of weight 1 cwt.?

Using the notation of the previous article, we have

$$2T_1 = 112 + 4; \quad \therefore T_1 = 58.$$

$$2T_2 = T_1 + 5 = 63; \quad \therefore T_2 = 31\frac{1}{2}.$$

$$2T_3 = T_2 + 6 = 37\frac{1}{2}; \quad \therefore T_3 = 18\frac{3}{4}.$$

$$2P = T_3 + 7 = 25\frac{3}{4}; \quad \therefore P = 12\frac{3}{8} \text{ lbs. wt.}$$

### EXAMPLES. XXI.

1. In the following cases, the movable pulleys are weightless, their number is  $n$ , the weight is  $W$ , and the power is  $P$ ;

(1) If  $n=4$  and  $P=20$  lbs. wt., find  $W$ ;

(2) If  $n=4$  and  $W=1$  cwt., find  $P$ ;

(3) If  $W=56$  lbs. wt. and  $P=7$  lbs. wt., find  $n$ .

2. In the following cases, the movable pulleys are of equal weight  $w$ , and are  $n$  in number,  $P$  is the power, and  $W$  is the weight;

(1) If  $n=4$ ,  $w=1$  lb. wt., and  $W=97$  lbs. wt., find  $P$ ;

(2) If  $n=3$ ,  $w=1\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. wt., and  $P=7$  lbs. wt., find  $W$ ;

(3) If  $n=5$ ,  $W=775$  lbs. wt., and  $P=31$  lbs. wt., find  $w$ ;

(4) If  $W=107$  lbs. wt.,  $P=2$  lbs. wt., and  $w=\frac{1}{3}$  lbs. wt., find  $n$ .

3. In the first system of pulleys, if there be 4 pulleys, each of weight 2 lbs., what weight can be raised by a power equal to the weight of 20 lbs.?

4. If there be 3 movable pulleys, whose weights, commencing with the lowest, are 9, 2, and 1 lbs. respectively, what power will support a weight of 69 lbs.?

5. If there be 4 movable pulleys, whose weights, commencing with the lowest, are 4, 3, 2, and 1 lbs. respectively, what power will support a weight of 54 lbs.?

6. If there be 4 movable pulleys, each of weight  $w$ , and the power be  $P$ , shew that the stress on the beam is  $15P - 11w$ .

7. If there be 3 movable pulleys and their weights beginning from the lowest be 4, 2, and 1 lbs. respectively, what power will be required to support a weight of 28 lbs.?

8. Shew that, on the supposition that the pulleys are weightless, the mechanical advantage is greater than it actually is.

9. In the system of pulleys in which each hangs by a separate string, if there be 3 pulleys, it is found that a certain weight can be supported by a power of 7 lbs. weight; but, if there be 4 pulleys, the same weight can be supported by a power of 4 lbs. weight; find the weight supported and the weight of the pulleys, which are equal.

10. A system consists of 4 pulleys, arranged so that each hangs by a separate string, one end being fastened to the upper block, and all the free ends being vertical. If the weights of the pulleys, beginning at the lowest, be  $w$ ,  $2w$ ,  $3w$ , and  $4w$ , find the power necessary to support a weight  $15w$ , and the magnitude of the single force necessary to support the beam to which the other ends of the string are attached.

11. In the system of 4 heavy pulleys, if  $P$  be the power and  $W$  the weight, shew that the stress on the beam is intermediate between  $\frac{1}{4}W$  and  $15P$ .

12. A man, of 12 stone weight, is suspended from the lowest of a system of 4 weightless pulleys, in which each hangs by a separate string, and supports himself by pulling at the end of the string which passes over a fixed pulley. Find the amount of his pull on this string.

13. A man, whose weight is 156 lbs., is suspended from the lowest of a system of 4 pulleys, each being of weight 10 lbs., and supports himself by pulling at the end of the string which passes over the fixed pulley. Find the force which he exerts on the string, supposing all the strings to be vertical.

**145. Second system of pulleys.** *The same string passing round all the pulleys. To find the relation between the power and the weight.*

In this system there are two blocks, each containing pulleys, the upper block being fixed and the lower block movable. The same string passes round all the pulleys as in the figures.

If the number of pulleys in the upper block be the same as in the lower block (Fig. 1), one end of the string

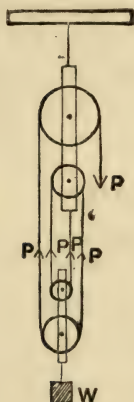


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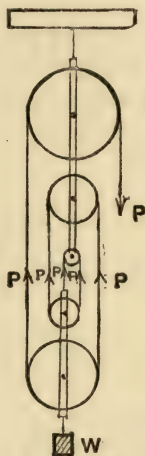


Fig. 2.

must be fastened to the upper block; if the number in the upper block be greater by one than the number in the lower block (Fig. 2), the end of the string must be attached to the lower block.

In the first case, the number of portions of string connecting the blocks is even; in the second case, the number is odd.

In either case, let  $n$  be the number of portions of string at the lower block. Since we have only one string passing over smooth pulleys, the tension of each of these portions is  $P$ , so that the total upward force at the lower block is  $n \cdot P$ .

Let  $W$  be the weight supported, and  $w$  the weight of the lower block.

Hence  $W + w = nP$ , giving the relation required.

In practice the pulleys of each block are often placed parallel to one another, so that the strings are not mathematically parallel; they are, however, very approximately parallel, so that the above relation is still very approximately true.

### EXAMPLES. XXII.

1. If a weight of 5 lbs. support a weight of 24 lbs., find the weight of the lower block, when there are 3 pulleys in each block.

2. If weights of 5 and 6 lbs. respectively at the free ends of the string support weights of 18 and 22 lbs. at the lower block, find the number of the strings and the weight of the lower block.

3. If weights of 4 lbs. and 5 lbs. support weights of 5 lbs. and 18 lbs. respectively, what is the weight of the lower block, and how many pulleys are there in it?

4. A power of 6 lbs. just supports a weight of 28 lbs., and a power of 8 lbs. just supports a weight of 42 lbs.; find the number of strings and the weight of the lower block.

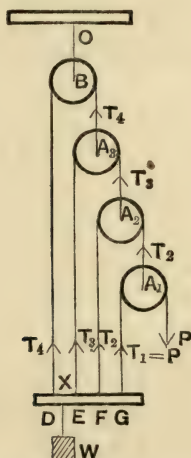
5. In the second system of pulleys, if a basket be suspended from the lower block and a man in the basket support himself and the basket, by pulling at the free end of the string, find the tension he exerts, neglecting the inclination of the string to the vertical, and assuming the weight of the man and basket to be  $W$ .

6. A man, whose weight is 12 stone, raises 3 cwt. by means of a system of pulleys in which the same string passes round all the pulleys, there being 4 in each block, and the string being attached to the upper block; neglecting the weights of the pulleys, find what will be his pressure on the ground if he pull vertically downwards.

7. We are told that the cable by which "Great Paul," whose weight is 18 tons, was lifted into its place in the cathedral tower, passed four times through the two blocks of pulleys. From this statement give a description of the pulleys, and estimate the strength of the cable.

**146. Third system of pulleys.** *All the strings attached to the weight. To find the relation between the power and the weight.*

In this system the string passing round any pulley is attached at one end to a bar, from which the weight is attached.



is suspended, and at the other end to the next lower pulley; the string round the lowest pulley is attached at one end to the bar, whilst at the other end of this string the power is applied.

In this system the upper pulley is a fixed pulley.

Let  $A_1, A_2, A_3 \dots$  be the movable pulleys, beginning from the lowest, and let the tensions of the strings passing round these pulleys respectively be

$$T_1, T_2, T_3 \dots$$

If the power be  $P$ , we have clearly

$$T_1 = P.$$



I. *Let the weights of the pulleys be neglected.*

For the equilibrium of the pulleys, taken in order and commencing from the lowest, we have

$$T_2 = 2T_1 = 2P,$$

$$T_3 = 2T_2 = 2^2P,$$

and

$$T_4 = 2T_3 = 2^3P.$$

But, since the bar, from which  $W$  is suspended, is in equilibrium, we have

$$\begin{aligned} W &= T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + T_4 \\ &= P + 2P + 2^2P + 2^3P \\ &= P \frac{2^4 - 1}{2 - 1} = P(2^4 - 1) \dots \dots \dots (1). \end{aligned}$$

If there were  $n$  pulleys, of which  $(n - 1)$  would be movable, we should have, similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} W &= T_1 + T_2 + T_3 + \dots + T_n \\ &= P + 2P + 2^2P + \dots + 2^{n-1}P \\ &= P \left[ \frac{2^n - 1}{2 - 1} \right], \end{aligned}$$

by summing the geometrical progression,

$$= P(2^n - 1) \dots \dots \dots (2).$$

Hence the mechanical advantage is  $2^n - 1$ .

II. *Let the weights of the movable pulleys, taken in order and commencing with the lowest, be  $w_1, w_2, \dots$*

Considering the equilibrium of the pulleys in order, we have

$$T_2 = 2T_1 + w_1 = 2P + w_1,$$

$$T_3 = 2T_2 + w_2 = 2^2P + 2w_1 + w_2,$$

$$T_4 = 2T_3 + w_3 = 2^3P + 2^2w_1 + 2w_2 + w_3.$$

But, from the equilibrium of the bar,

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= T_4 + T_3 + T_2 + T_1 \\
 &= (2^3 + 2^2 + 2 + 1) P + (2^2 + 2 + 1) w_1 + (2 + 1) w_2 + w_3 \\
 &= \frac{2^4 - 1}{2 - 1} P + \frac{2^3 - 1}{2 - 1} w_1 + \frac{2^2 - 1}{2 - 1} w_2 + w_3 \\
 &= (2^4 - 1) P + (2^3 - 1) w_1 + (2^2 - 1) w_2 + w_3 \dots\dots\dots(3).
 \end{aligned}$$

If there were  $n$  pulleys, of which  $(n - 1)$  would be movable, we should have, similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= T_n + T_{n-1} + \dots + T_2 + T_1 \\
 &= (2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots + 1) P + (2^{n-2} + 2^{n-3} + \dots + 1) w_1 \\
 &\quad + (2^{n-3} + 2^{n-4} + \dots + 1) w_2 + \dots + (2 + 1) w_{n-2} + w_{n-1} \\
 &= \frac{2^n - 1}{2 - 1} P + \frac{2^{n-1} - 1}{2 - 1} w_1 + \frac{2^{n-2} - 1}{2 - 1} w_2 \\
 &\quad + \dots + \frac{2^2 - 1}{2 - 1} w_{n-2} + w_{n-1} \\
 &= (2^n - 1) P + (2^{n-1} - 1) w_1 + (2^{n-2} - 1) w_2 + \dots \\
 &\quad + (2^2 - 1) w_{n-2} + (2 - 1) w_{n-1} \dots\dots\dots(4).
 \end{aligned}$$

If the pulleys be all equal, so that

$$w_1 = w_2 = \dots = w_{n-1} = w,$$

the relation (4) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 W &= (2^n - 1) P + w [2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots + 2 - (n - 1)] \\
 &= (2^n - 1) P + w [2^n - n - 1],
 \end{aligned}$$

by summing the geometrical progression.

*Stress on the supporting beam.* This stress balances the power, the weight, and the weight of the pulleys, and therefore equals

$$P + W + w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n,$$

and hence is easily found.

**Ex.** If there be 4 pulleys, whose weights, commencing with the lowest, are 4, 5, 6, and 7 lbs., what power will support a body of weight 1 cwt.?

Using the notation of the previous article, we have

$$T_2 = 2P + 4,$$

$$T_3 = 2T_2 + 5 = 4P + 13,$$

$$T_4 = 2T_3 + 6 = 8P + 32.$$

Also  $112 = T_4 + T_3 + T_2 + P = 15P + 49.$

$$\therefore P = \frac{63}{15} = 4\frac{1}{5} \text{ lbs. wt.}$$

**147.** In this system we observe that, the greater the weight of each pulley, the less is  $P$  required to be in order that it may support a given weight  $W$ . Hence the weights of the pulleys assist the power.

If the weights of the pulleys be properly chosen, the system will remain in equilibrium without the application of any power whatever.

For example, suppose we have 3 movable pulleys, each of weight  $w$ , the relation (3) of the last article will become

$$W = 15P + 11w.$$

Hence, if  $11w = W$ , we have  $P$  zero, *i.e.*, if the weight to be supported be eleven times the weight of each of the three movable pulleys, no power need be applied at the free end of the string to preserve equilibrium.

**148.** In the third system of pulleys, the bar supporting the weight  $W$  will not remain horizontal, unless the point at which the weight is attached be properly chosen.

In any particular case the proper point of attachment can be easily found.

Taking the figure of Art. 146 let there be three movable pulleys, whose weights are negligible. Let the distances between the points  $D$ ,  $E$ ,  $F$  and  $G$  at which the strings are attached, be successively  $a$ , and let the point at which the weight is attached be  $X$ .

The resultant of  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  must pass through  $X$ .

Hence by Art. 109,

$$DX = \frac{T_4 \times 0 + T_3 \times a + T_2 \times 2a + T_1 \times 3a}{T_4 + T_3 + T_2 + T_1}$$

$$= \frac{4P \cdot a + 2P \cdot 2a + P \cdot 3a}{8P + 4P + 2P + P} = \frac{11a}{15}.$$

$\therefore DX = \frac{11}{15}DE$ , giving the position of  $X$ .

### EXAMPLES. XXIII.

1. In the following cases, the pulleys are weightless and  $n$  in number,  $P$  is the power, and  $W$  the weight;

- (1) If  $n=4$  and  $P=2$  lbs. wt., find  $W$ ;
- (2) If  $n=5$  and  $W=124$  lbs. wt., find  $P$ ;
- (3) If  $W=105$  lbs. and  $P=7$  lbs. wt., find  $n$ .

2. In the following cases, the pulleys are equal and each of weight  $w$ ,  $P$  is the power, and  $W$  is the weight;

- (1) If  $n=4$ ,  $w=1$  lb. wt., and  $P=10$  lbs. wt., find  $W$ ;
- (2) If  $n=3$ ,  $w=\frac{1}{2}$  lb. wt., and  $W=114$  lbs. wt., find  $P$ ;
- (3) If  $n=5$ ,  $P=3$  lbs. wt., and  $W=106$  lbs. wt., find  $w$ ;
- (4) If  $P=4$  lbs. wt.,  $W=137$  lbs. wt., and  $w=\frac{1}{2}$  lb. wt., find  $n$ .

3. If there be 5 pulleys, each of weight 1 lb., what power is required to support 3 cwt.?

If the pulleys be of equal size, find to what point of the bar the weight must be attached, so that the beam may be always horizontal.

4. If the strings passing round a system of 4 weightless pulleys be fastened to a rod without weight at distances successively an inch apart, find to what point of the rod the weight must be attached, so that the rod may be always horizontal.

5. Find the mechanical advantage, when the pulleys are 4 in number, and each is of weight  $\frac{1}{4}$ th that of the weight.

6. In a system of 3 weightless pulleys, in which each string is attached to a bar which carries the weight, if the diameter of each pulley be 2 inches, find to what point of the bar the weight should be attached so that the bar may be always horizontal.

7. If the pulleys be equal, and the power be equal to the weight of one of them, and the number of pulleys be 5, shew that the weight is 57 times the power.

8. In the third system of 3 pulleys, if the weights of the pulleys be all equal, find the relation of the power to the weight when equilibrium is established. If each pulley weigh 2 ounces, what weight would be supported by the pulleys only?

If the weight supported be 25 lbs. wt., and the power be 3 lbs. wt., find what must be the weight of each pulley.

9. In the third system of weightless pulleys, the weight is supported by a power of 70 lbs. The hook by which one of the strings is attached to the weight breaks, and the string is then attached to the pulley which it passed over, and a power of 150 lbs. is now required. Find the number of pulleys and the weight supported.

10. In the third system of weightless pulleys, if the string round the last pulley be tied to the weight, shew that the tension of the string is diminished in a ratio depending on the number of pulleys.

If the tension be decreased in the ratio 16 : 15, find the number of pulleys.

11. In the system of pulleys in which each string is attached to the weight, if each pulley have a weight  $w$ , and the sum of the weights of the pulleys be  $W'$ , and  $P$  and  $W$  be the power and weight in this case, shew that the power  $P + w$  would support the weight  $W + W'$  in the same system if the pulleys had no weight.

12. If there be  $n$  weightless pulleys and if a string, whose ends are attached to the weights  $P$  and  $W$ , carry a pulley from which a weight  $W'$  is suspended, find the relation between  $P$ ,  $W$ , and  $W'$ .

13. If there be  $n$  pulleys, each of diameter  $2a$  and of negligible weight, shew that the distance of the point of application of the weight from the line of action of the power should be  $\frac{2^n}{2^n - 1} na$ .

### III. The Inclined Plane.

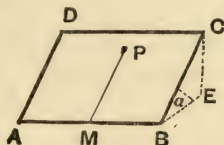
149. The Inclined Plane, considered as a mechanical power, is a rigid plane inclined at an angle to the horizon.



It is used to facilitate the raising of heavy bodies.

In the present chapter we shall only consider the case of a body resting on the plane, and acted upon by forces in a plane perpendicular to the intersection of the inclined plane and the horizontal, *i.e.*, in a vertical plane through the line of greatest slope.

The reader can picture to himself the line of greatest slope on an inclined plane in the following manner: take a rectangular sheet of



cardboard  $ABCD$ , and place it at an angle to the horizontal, so that the line  $AB$  is in contact with a horizontal table: take any point  $P$  on the cardboard and draw  $PM$  perpendicular to the line  $AB$ ;  $PM$  is the line of greatest slope passing through the point  $P$ .

From  $C$  draw  $CE$  perpendicular to the horizontal plane through  $AB$ , and join  $BE$ . The lines  $BC$ ,  $BE$ , and  $CE$  are called respectively the length, base, and height of the inclined plane; also the angle  $CBE$  is the inclination of the plane to the horizon.

**150.** The inclined plane is supposed to be smooth, so that the only reaction between it and any body resting on it is perpendicular to the inclined plane.

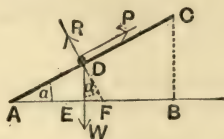
Since the plane is rigid, it is capable of exerting any reaction, however great, that may be necessary to give equilibrium.

**151.** *A body, of given weight, rests on an inclined plane; to determine the relations between the power, the weight, and the reaction of the plane.*

Let  $W$  be the weight of the body,  $P$  the power, and  $R$  the reaction of the plane; also let  $\alpha$  be the inclination of the plane to the horizon.

**Case I.** *Let the power act up the plane along the line of greatest slope.*

Let  $AC$  be the inclined plane,  $AB$  the horizontal line



through  $A$ ,  $DE$  a vertical line, and let the perpendicular to the plane through  $D$  meet  $AB$  in  $F$ .

Then clearly

$$\angle FDE = 90^\circ - \angle ADE = \angle DAE = \alpha.$$

By Lami's Theorem (Art. 40), since only three forces act on the body, each is proportional to the sine of the angle between the other two.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{P}{\sin (R, W)} &= \frac{R}{\sin (W, P)} = \frac{W}{\sin (P, R)}, \\ \text{i.e., } \frac{P}{\sin (180^\circ - \alpha)} &= \frac{R}{\sin (90^\circ + \alpha)} = \frac{W}{\sin 90^\circ}, \\ \text{i.e., } \frac{P}{\sin \alpha} &= \frac{R}{\cos \alpha} = W \dots\dots\dots(1). \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore P = W \sin \alpha, \text{ and } R = W \cos \alpha.$$

The relation (1) may be written in the form

$$P : R : W$$

$\therefore$  Height of plane : Base of plane : Length of plane.

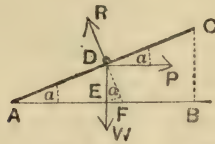
**Otherwise thus:** Resolve  $W$  along and perpendicular to the plane; its components are

$W \cos ADE$ , i.e.,  $W \sin \alpha$ , along  $DA$ ,

and  $W \sin ADE$ , i.e.,  $W \cos \alpha$ , along  $DF$ .

Hence  $P = W \sin \alpha$ , and  $R = W \cos \alpha$ .

**Case II.** *Let the power act horizontally.*



[In this case we must imagine a small hole in the plane at *D* through which a string is passed and attached to the body, or else that the body is *pushed* toward the plane by a horizontal force.]

As in Case I., we have

$$\frac{P}{\sin (R, W)} = \frac{R}{\sin (W, P)} = \frac{W}{\sin (P, R)},$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{P}{\sin (180^{\circ} - \alpha)} = \frac{R}{\sin 90^{\circ}} = \frac{W}{\sin (90^{\circ} + \alpha)},$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{P}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{R}{1} = \frac{W}{\cos \alpha} \dots\dots\dots (1).$$

$$\therefore P = W \tan \alpha, \text{ and } R = W \sec \alpha.$$

The relation (1) may be written in the form

$$P : R : W$$

$\therefore$  Height of Plane : Length of Plane : Base of Plane.

**Otherwise thus :** The components of *W* along and perpendicular to the plane are *W* sin  $\alpha$  and *W* cos  $\alpha$ ; the components of *P*, similarly, are *P* cos  $\alpha$  and *P* sin  $\alpha$ .

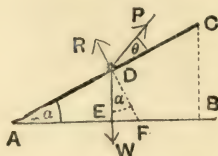
$$\therefore P \cos \alpha = W \sin \alpha,$$

and

$$R = P \sin \alpha + W \cos \alpha = W \left[ \frac{\sin^2 \alpha}{\cos \alpha} + \cos \alpha \right] = W \frac{\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = W \sec \alpha.$$

$$\therefore P = W \tan \alpha, \text{ and } R = W \sec \alpha.$$

**Case III.** Let the power act at an angle  $\theta$  with the inclined plane.



By Lami's Theorem we have

$$\frac{P}{\sin (R, W)} = \frac{R}{\sin (W, P)} = \frac{W}{\sin (P, R)},$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{P}{\sin (180^\circ - \alpha)} = \frac{R}{\sin (90^\circ + \theta + \alpha)} = \frac{W}{\sin (90^\circ - \theta)},$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{P}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{R}{\cos (\theta + \alpha)} = \frac{W}{\cos \theta}.$$

$$\therefore P = W \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \theta}, \text{ and } R = W \frac{\cos (\theta + \alpha)}{\cos \theta}.$$

**Otherwise thus:** Resolving along and perpendicular to the plane, we have

$$P \cos \theta = W \sin \alpha,$$

and

$$R + P \sin \theta = W \cos \alpha.$$

$$\therefore P = W \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \theta},$$

$$\text{and } R = W \cos \alpha - P \sin \theta = W \left[ \cos \alpha - \frac{\sin \alpha \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right]$$

$$= W \frac{\cos \alpha \cos \theta - \sin \alpha \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = W \frac{\cos (\alpha + \theta)}{\cos \theta}.$$

It will be noted that Case III. includes both Cases I. and II. ; if we make  $\theta$  zero, we obtain Case I. ; if we put  $\theta$  equal to  $(-\alpha)$ , we have Case II.

**152.** If the power does not act in a vertical plane through the line of greatest slope there could not be equilibrium on a smooth inclined plane; in this case we could, however, have equilibrium if the inclined plane were rough. We shall return to this case in the next chapter.

### EXAMPLES. XXIV.

**1.** What force, acting horizontally, could keep a mass of 16 lbs. at rest on a smooth inclined plane, whose height is 3 feet and length of base 4 feet, and what is the pressure on the plane?

**2.** A body rests on an inclined plane, being supported by a force acting up the plane equal to half its weight. Find the inclination of the plane to the horizon and the reaction of the plane.

**3.** A rope, whose inclination to the vertical is  $30^\circ$ , is just strong enough to support a weight of 180 lbs. on a smooth plane, whose inclination to the horizon is  $30^\circ$ . Find approximately the greatest tension that the rope could exert.

**4.** A body rests on a plane, inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the horizon, and is supported by a force inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizon; shew that the force and the reaction of the plane are each equal to the weight of the body.

**5.** A body, of weight  $2P$ , is kept in equilibrium on an inclined plane by a horizontal force  $P$ , together with a force  $P$  acting parallel to the plane; find the ratio of the base of the plane to the height and also the pressure on the plane.

**6.** A body rests on a plane, inclined to the horizon at an angle of  $30^\circ$ , being supported by a power inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the plane; find the ratio of the weight of the body to the power.

**7.** A weight is supported on an inclined plane by a force inclined to the plane; if the weight, the force, and the pressure be as the numbers 4, 3, and 2, find the inclination of the plane and the direction of the force.

**8.** A body, of 5 lbs. wt., is placed on a smooth plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizon, and is acted on by two forces, one equal to the weight of 2 lbs. and acting parallel to the plane and upwards, and the other equal to  $P$  and acting at an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the plane. Find  $P$  and the pressure on the plane.



9. Find the force which acting up an inclined plane will keep a body, of 10 lbs. weight, in equilibrium, it being given that the force, the pressure on the plane, and the weight of the body are in arithmetical progression.

10. If a power  $P$ , acting parallel to an inclined plane and supporting a mass of weight  $W$ , produces on the plane a pressure  $R$ , shew that the same power, acting horizontally and supporting a mass of weight  $R$ , will produce on the plane a pressure  $W$ .

11. Two boards, of lengths 11 and 8 feet, are fixed with their lower ends on a horizontal plane and their upper ends in contact; on these planes rest bodies of weights  $W$  and 12 lbs. respectively, which are connected by a string passing over the common vertex of the boards; find the value of  $W$ .

12. A number of loaded trucks, each containing 1 ton, on one part of a tramway inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon supports an equal number of empty trucks on another part whose inclination is  $\beta$ . Find the weight of a truck.

13. A body rests on a plane inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\alpha$ ; if the pressure on the plane be equal to the power applied, shew that the inclination of the power to the inclined plane is  $90^\circ - 2\alpha$ .

14. A heavy string is placed with a portion of it resting on a given inclined plane, the remaining part hanging vertically over a small pulley at the top of the plane. Find what point of the string should be placed over the pulley for equilibrium.

15. On two inclined planes, of equal height, two weights are respectively supported, by means of a string passing over the common vertex and parallel to the planes; the length of one plane is double its height, and the length of the other plane is double its base; shew that the pressure on one plane is three times the pressure on the other.

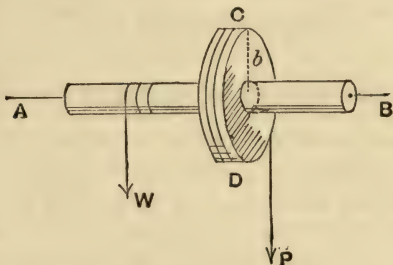
16. A body, of weight 50 lbs., is in equilibrium on a smooth plane inclined at an angle of  $20^\circ 20'$  to the horizon being supported by a force acting up the plane; find the force and the pressure on the plane.

17. A body, of weight 20 lbs., rests on a smooth plane inclined at an angle of  $25^\circ$  to the horizon, being supported by a force  $P$  acting at an angle of  $35^\circ$  with the plane; find  $P$  and the pressure on the plane.

18. A body, of weight 30 lbs., rests on a smooth plane inclined at an angle of  $28^\circ 15'$  to the horizon, being supported by a horizontal force  $P$ ; find  $P$  and the pressure on the plane.

## IV. The Wheel and Axle.

**153.** This machine consists of a strong circular cylinder, or axle, terminating in two pivots, *A* and *B*,



which can turn freely on fixed supports. To the cylinder is rigidly attached a wheel, *CD*, the plane of the wheel being perpendicular to the axle.

Round the axle is coiled a rope, one end of which is firmly attached to the axle, and the other end of which is attached to the weight.

Round the circumference of the wheel, in a direction opposite to that of the first rope, is coiled a second rope, having one end firmly attached to the wheel, and having the power applied at its other end. The circumference of the wheel is grooved to prevent the rope from slipping off.

**154.** *To find the relation between the power and the weight.*

In Art. 93, we have shewn that a body, which can turn freely about a fixed axis, is in equilibrium if the algebraic sum of the moments of the forces about the axis vanishes. In this case, the only forces acting on the machine are the power *P* and the weight *W*, which tend to turn the machine in opposite directions. Hence, if *a* be the radius of the axle,

and  $b$  be the radius of the wheel, the condition of equilibrium is

$$P \cdot b = W \cdot a.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence the mechanical advantage} &= \frac{W}{P} \\ &= \frac{b}{a} = \frac{\text{radius of the wheel}}{\text{radius of the axle}}. \end{aligned}$$

**155.** Theoretically, by making the quantity  $\frac{b}{a}$  very large, we can make the mechanical advantage as great as we please; practically however there are limits. Since the pressure of the fixed supports on the axle must balance  $P$  and  $W$ , it follows that the thickness of the axle, *i.e.*,  $2a$ , must not be reduced unduly, for then the axle would break. Neither can the radius of the wheel in practice become very large, for then the machine would be unwieldy. Hence the possible values of the mechanical advantage are bounded, in one direction by the strength of our materials, and in the other direction by the necessity of keeping the size of the machine within reasonable limits.

**156.** In Art. 154 we have neglected the thicknesses of the ropes. If, however, they are too great to be neglected, compared with the radii of the wheel and axle, we may take them into consideration by supposing the tensions of the ropes to act along their middle threads.

Suppose the radii of the ropes which pass round the axle and wheel to be  $x$  and  $y$  respectively; the distances from the line joining the pivots at which the tensions now act are  $(a+x)$  and  $(b+y)$  respectively. Hence the condition of equilibrium is

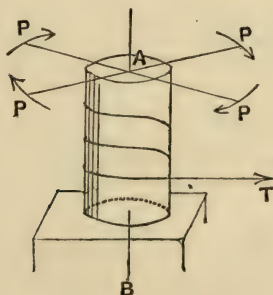
$$P(b+y) = W(a+x),$$

so that

$$\frac{P}{W} = \frac{\text{sum of the radii of the axle and its rope}}{\text{sum of the radii of the wheel and its rope}}.$$

**157.** Other forms of the Wheel and Axle are the Windlass and Capstan. In these machines the power instead of being applied, as in Art. 153, by means of a rope passing round a cylinder, is applied at the ends of a spoke, or spokes, which are inserted in a plane perpendicular to the axle.

In the Windlass the axle is horizontal, and in the Capstan it is vertical.

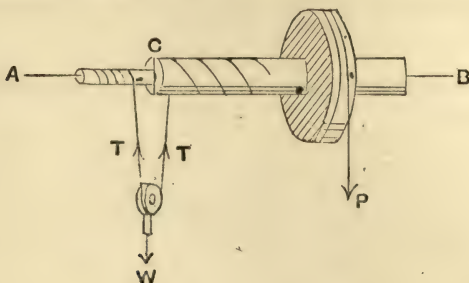


In the latter case the “weight” consists of the tension  $T$  of the rope round the axle, and the power consists of the forces applied at the ends of bars inserted into sockets at the point  $A$  of the axle. The condition of equilibrium may be obtained as in Art. 154.

**\*158. Differential Wheel and Axle.** A slightly modified form of the ordinary wheel and axle is the differential wheel and axle. In this machine the axle consists of two cylinders, having a common axis, joined at their ends, the radii of the two cylinders being different. One end of the rope is wound round one of these cylinders, and its other end is wound in a contrary direction round the other cylinder. Upon the slack portion of the rope is slung a pulley to which the weight is attached. The part of the rope which passes round the smaller cylinder tends to turn the machine in the same direction as the power.

As before, let  $b$  be the radius of the wheel and let  $a$  and  $c$  be the radii of the portion  $AC$  and  $CB$  of the axle,  $a$  being the smaller.

Since the pulley is smooth, the tension  $T$  of the string round it is the same throughout its length, and hence, for the equilibrium of the weight, we have  $T = \frac{1}{2}W$ .



Taking moments about the line  $AB$  for the equilibrium of the machine, we have

$$P \cdot b + T \cdot a = T \cdot c.$$

$$\therefore P = T \frac{c-a}{b} = \frac{W}{2} \frac{c-a}{b}.$$

Hence the mechanical advantage

$$= \frac{W}{P} = \frac{2b}{c-a}.$$

By making the radii  $c$  and  $a$  of the two portions of the axle very nearly equal, we can make the mechanical advantage very great, without unduly weakening the machine.

### EXAMPLES. XXV.

1. If the radii of the wheel and axle be respectively 2 feet and 3 inches, find what power must be applied to raise a weight of 56 lbs.

2. If the radii of the wheel and axle be respectively 30 inches and 5 inches, find what weight would be supported by a force equal to the weight of 20 lbs., and find also the pressures on the supports on which the axle rests.

If the thickness of the ropes be each 1 inch, find what weight would now be supported.



3. If by means of a wheel and axle a power equal to 3 lbs. weight balance a weight of 30 lbs., and if the radius of the axle be 2 inches, what is the radius of the wheel?

4. The axle of a capstan is 16 inches in diameter and there are 8 bars. At what distance from the axis must 8 men push, 1 at each bar and each exerting a force equal to the weight of  $26\frac{2}{3}$  lbs., in order that they must just produce a strain sufficient to raise the weight of 1 ton?

5. Four sailors raise an anchor by means of a capstan, the radius of which is 4 ins. and the length of the spokes 6 feet from the capstan; if each man exert a force equal to the weight of 112 lbs., find the weight of the anchor.

6. Four wheels and axles, in each of which the radii are in the ratio of 5 : 1, are arranged so that the circumference of each axle is applied to the circumference of the next wheel; what power is required to support a weight of 1875 lbs.?

7. The radii of a wheel and axle are 2 feet and 2 ins. respectively, and the strings which hang from them are tied to the two ends of a uniform rod, 2 feet 2 ins. in length and 10 lbs. in weight; what weight must be also hung from one of the strings that the rod may hang in a horizontal position?

8. A pulley is suspended by a vertical loop of string from a wheel-and-axle and supports a weight of 1 cwt., one end of the string being wound round the axle and the other in a contrary direction round the wheel. Find the power which acting at one end of an arm, 2 feet in length, so as to turn the axle, will support the weight, assuming the radii of the wheel and axle to be 1 foot and 2 ins.

9. In the Differential Wheel and Axle, if the radius of the wheel be 1 foot and the radii of the two portions of the axle be 5 and 4 ins. respectively, what power will support a weight of 56 lbs.?

10. In the Differential Wheel and Axle, if the radius of the wheel be 18 ins. and the radii of the two portions of the axle be 6 and 4 ins. respectively, what weight will be supported by a power equal to 20 lbs. weight?

11. In a wheel and axle the radius of the wheel is 1 foot and that of the axle is 1 inch; if 2 weights, each 10 lbs., be fastened to 2 points on the rim of the wheel, so that the line joining them subtends an angle of  $120^\circ$  at the centre of the wheel, find the greatest weight which can be supported by a string hanging from the axle in the usual way.

### V. The Common Balance.

**159.** The Common Balance consists of a rigid beam  $AB$  (Art. 160), carrying a scale-pan suspended from each end, which can turn freely about a fulcrum  $O$  outside the beam. The fulcrum and the beam are rigidly connected and, if the balance be well constructed, at the point  $O$  is a hard steel wedge, whose edge is turned downward and which rests on a small plate of agate.

The body to be weighed is placed in one scale-pan and in the other are placed weights, whose magnitudes are known; these weights are adjusted until the beam of the balance rests in a horizontal position. If  $OH$  be perpendicular to the beam, and the arms  $HA$  and  $HB$  be of equal length, and if the centre of gravity of the beam lie in the line  $OH$ , and the scale-pans be of equal weight, then the weight of the body is the same as the sum of the weights placed in the other scale-pan.

If the weight of the body be not equal to the sum of the weights placed in the other scale-pan, the balance will not rest with its beam horizontal, but will rest with the beam inclined to the horizon.

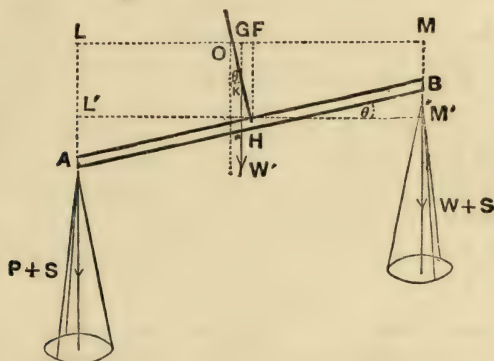
In the best balances the beam is usually provided with a long pointer attached to the beam at  $H$ . The end of this pointer travels along a graduated scale and, when the beam is horizontal, the pointer is vertical and points to the zero graduation on the scale.

**160.** *To find the position of equilibrium of a balance when the weights placed in the scale-pans are not equal.*

Let the weights placed in the scale-pans be  $P$  and  $W$ , the former being the greater; let  $S$  be the weight of each scale-pan, and let the weight of the beam (and the parts

rigidly connected with it) be  $W'$ , acting at a point  $K$  on  $OH$ .

When in equilibrium let the beam be inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal, so that  $OH$  is inclined at the same angle  $\theta$  to the vertical.



Let  $OH$  and  $OK$  be  $h$  and  $k$  respectively, and let the length of  $AH$  or  $HB$  be  $a$ .

Let horizontal lines through  $O$  and  $H$  meet the vertical lines through the ends  $A$  and  $B$  of the beam in the points  $L$ ,  $M$ ,  $L'$  and  $M'$  respectively.

Also let the vertical lines through  $H$  and  $K$  meet  $LM$  in  $F$  and  $G$  respectively.

When the system is in equilibrium, the moments of the forces about  $O$  must balance.

$$\therefore (P + S) \cdot OL = (W + S) OM + W' \cdot OG,$$

$$\text{i.e., } (P + S) (FL - FO) = (W + S) (FM + OF) + W' \cdot OG,$$

$$\therefore (P + S) (a \cos \theta - h \sin \theta) = (W + S) (a \cos \theta + h \sin \theta) + W' \cdot k \sin \theta,$$

[For  $OF = OH \cos FOH = h \sin \theta$ ;  $OG = OK \sin \theta$ ;

and  $FL = HL' = a \cos \theta$ .]

$$\therefore a \cos \theta (P - W) = \sin \theta [W'k + (P + W + 2S)h].$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{(P - W) a}{W'k + (P + W + 2S)h}.$$

### 161. *Requisites of a good balance.*

(1) The balance must be **true**.

This will be the case if the arms of the balance be equal, if the weights of the scale-pans be equal, and if the centre of gravity of the beam be on the line through the fulcrum perpendicular to the beam; for the beam will now be horizontal when equal weights are placed in the scale-pans.

To test whether the balance is true, first make the beam horizontal by putting sufficient weights in one scale-pan to balance the weight of a body placed in the other; now interchange the body and the weights; if they still balance one another, the balance must be true; if in the second case the beam assumes any position inclined to the vertical, the balance is not true.

(2) The balance must be **sensitive**, *i.e.*, the beam must, for any difference, however small, between the weights in the scale-pans, be inclined at an appreciable angle to the horizon.

For a *given* difference between  $P$  and  $W$ , the greater the inclination of the beam to the horizon the more sensitive is the balance; also the less the difference between the weights required to produce a given inclination  $\theta$ , the greater is the sensitiveness of the balance.

Hence, when  $P - W$  is given, the sensitiveness varies as  $\tan \theta$ ; also when  $\theta$  is given it varies as

$$\frac{1}{P - W}.$$

The sensitiveness is therefore appropriately measured by

$$\frac{\tan \theta}{P - W},$$

i.e. by 
$$\frac{a}{W'k + (P + W + 2S)h}. \quad (\text{Art. 160.})$$

Hence, to make the balance as sensitive as possible, the arm  $a$  should be fairly long and the distances  $h$  and  $k$  should be small, and the weight  $W'$  of the beam as small as is consistent with the length and rigidity of the machine.

We must not make  $h$  and  $k$  zero; for then the points  $O$  and  $K$  would both coincide with  $H$ . In this case the balance would either when the weights in the scale-pans were equal, be, as in Art. 140, in equilibrium in *any* position or else, if the weights in the scale-pans were not equal, it would take up a position as nearly vertical as the mechanism of the machine would allow.

(3) The balance must be **stable** and must quickly take up its position of equilibrium.

The determination of the time taken by the machine to take up its position of equilibrium is essentially a dynamical question. We may however *assume* that this condition is best satisfied when the moment of the forces about the fulcrum  $O$  is greatest. When the weights in the scale-pans are each  $P$ , the moment of the forces tending to restore equilibrium

$$\begin{aligned} &= (P + S)(a \cos \theta + h \sin \theta) - (P + S)(a \cos \theta - h \sin \theta) \\ &\quad + W' \cdot k \sin \theta \\ &= [2(P + S)h + W' \cdot k] \sin \theta. \end{aligned}$$



This expression is greatest when  $h$  and  $k$  are greatest.

Since the balance is most sensitive when  $h$  and  $k$  are small, and most stable when these quantities are large, we see that in any balance great sensitiveness and quick weighing are to a certain extent incompatible. In practice this is not very important; for in balances where great sensitiveness is required (such as balances used in a laboratory) we can afford to sacrifice quickness of weighing; the opposite is the case when the balance is used for ordinary commercial purposes.

To insure as much as possible both the qualities of sensitiveness and quick weighing, the balance should be made with fairly light long arms, and at the same time the distance of the fulcrum from the beam should be considerable.

**162. Double weighing.** By this method the weight of a body may be accurately determined even if the balance be not accurate.

Place the body to be weighed in one scale-pan and in the other pan put sand, or other suitable material, sufficient to balance the body. Next remove the body, and in its place put known weights sufficient to again balance the sand. The weight of the body is now clearly equal to the sum of the weights.

This method is used even in the case of extremely good machines when very great accuracy is desired.

**163. Ex. 1.** *The arms of a balance are equal in length but the beam is unjustly loaded; if a body be placed in each scale-pan in succession and weighed, shew that its true weight is the arithmetic mean between its apparent weights.*

For let the length of the arms be  $a$ , and let the horizontal distance of the centre of gravity of the beam from the fulcrum be  $x$ .

Let a body, whose true weight is  $W$ , appear to weigh  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  successively.

If  $W$  be the weight of the beam, we have

$$W \cdot a = W' \cdot x + W_1 \cdot a,$$

and

$$W_2 \cdot a = W' \cdot x + W \cdot a.$$

Hence, by subtraction,

$$(W - W_2) a = (W_1 - W) a.$$

$$\therefore W = \frac{1}{2} (W_1 + W_2)$$

= arithmetic mean between the  
apparent weights.

**Ex. 2.** *The arms of a balance are of unequal length, but the beam remains in a horizontal position when the scale-pans are not loaded; shew that, if a body be placed successively in each scale-pan, its true weight is the geometrical mean between its apparent weights.*

*Shew also that if a tradesman appear to weigh out equal quantities of the same substance, using alternately each of the scale-pans, he will defraud himself.*

Since the beam remains horizontal when there are no weights in the scale-pans, it follows that the centre of gravity of the beam and scale-pans must be vertically under the fulcrum.

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the lengths of the arms of the beam and let a body, whose true weight is  $W$ , appear to weigh  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  successively.

Hence  $W \cdot a = W_1 \cdot b$  .....(1),

and  $W_2 \cdot a = W \cdot b$  .....(2).

Hence, by multiplication, we have

$$W^2 \cdot ab = W_1 W_2 \cdot ab.$$

$$\therefore W = \sqrt{W_1 \cdot W_2},$$

i.e., the true weight is the geometrical mean between the apparent weights.

Again, if the tradesman appear to weigh out in succession quantities equal to  $W$ , he really gives his customers  $W_1 + W_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } W_1 + W_2 - 2W &= W \frac{a}{b} + W \frac{b}{a} - 2W \\ &= W \frac{a^2 + b^2 - 2ab}{ab} = W \frac{(a - b)^2}{ab}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, whatever be the values of  $a$  and  $b$ , the right-hand member of this equation is always positive, so that  $W_1 + W_2$  is always  $> 2W$ . Hence the tradesman defrauds himself.

*Numerical example.* If the lengths of the arms be 11 and 12 ins. respectively, and if the nominal quantity weighed be 66 lbs. in each case, the real quantities are  $1\frac{1}{2} \cdot 66$  and  $1\frac{1}{2} \cdot 66$ , i.e.,  $60\frac{1}{2}$  and 72, i.e.,  $132\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., so that the tradesman loses  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb.

**Ex. 3.** *If a balance be unjustly weighted, and have unequal arms, and if a tradesman weigh out to a customer a quantity  $2W$  of some substance by weighing equal portions in the two scale-pans, shew that he will defraud himself if the centre of gravity of the beam be in the longer arm.*

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be the lengths of the arms ; and let the weight  $W'$  of the machine act at a point in the arm  $b$  at a distance  $x$  from the fulcrum. Let a body of weight  $W$ , placed in the two pans in succession, be balanced by  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  respectively. Then we have

$$W \cdot a = W_1 \cdot b + W' \cdot x,$$

and

$$W_2 \cdot a = W \cdot b + W' \cdot x.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore W_1 + W_2 - 2W &= \frac{W \cdot a - W' \cdot x}{b} + \frac{W \cdot b + W' \cdot x}{a} - 2W \\ &= \frac{W(b-a)^2}{ab} + W' \frac{b-a}{ab} x. \end{aligned}$$

If  $b > a$ , the right-hand member of this equation is positive, and then

$$W_1 + W_2 > 2W.$$

Hence, if the centre of gravity of the beam be in the longer arm, the tradesman will defraud himself.

### EXAMPLES. XXVI.

1. The only fault in a balance being the unequality in weight of the scale-pans, what is the real weight of a body which balances 10 lbs. when placed in one scale-pan, and 12 lbs. when placed in the other?

2. The arms of a balance are  $8\frac{1}{2}$  and 9 ins. respectively, the goods to be weighed being suspended from the longer arm; find the real weight of goods whose apparent weight is 27 lbs.

3. One scale of a common balance is loaded so that the apparent weight of a body, whose true weight is 18 ounces, is 20 ounces; find the weight with which the scale is loaded.

4. A substance, weighed from the two arms successively of a balance, has apparent weights 9 and 4 lbs. Find the ratio of the lengths of the arms and the true weight of the body.

5. A body, when placed in one scale-pan, appears to weigh 24 lbs. and, when placed in the other, 25 lbs. Find its true weight to three places of decimals, assuming the arms of the scale-pans to be of unequal length.

6. A piece of lead in one pan  $A$  of a balance is counterpoised by 100 grains in the pan  $B$ ; when the same piece of lead is put into the pan  $B$  it requires 104 grains in  $A$  to balance it; what is the ratio of the length of the arms of the balance?

7. A body, placed in a scale-pan, is balanced by 10 lbs. placed in the other pan; when the position of the body and the weights are interchanged, 11 lbs. are required to balance the body. If the length of the shorter arm be 12 ins., find the length of the longer arm and the weight of the body.

8. The arms of a false balance, whose weight is neglected, are in the ratio of 10 : 9. If goods be alternately weighed from each arm, shew that the seller loses  $\frac{1}{10}$ th per cent.

9. If the arms of a false balance be 8 and 9 ins. long respectively, find the prices really paid by a person for tea at two shillings per lb., if the tea be weighed out from the end of (1) the longer, (2) the shorter arm.

10. A dealer has correct weights, but one arm of his balance is  $\frac{1}{10}$ th part shorter than the other. If he sell two quantities of a certain drug, each apparently weighing  $9\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., at 40s. per lb., weighing one in one scale and the other in the other, what will he gain or lose?

11. When a given balance is loaded with equal weights, it is found that the beam is not horizontal, but it is not known whether the arms are of unequal length, or the scale-pans of unequal weight; 51·075 grains in one scale balance 51·362 in the other, and 25·592 grains balance 25·879 grains; shew that the arms are equal, but that the scale-pans differ in weight by ·287 grains.

12.  $P$  and  $Q$  balance on a common balance; on interchanging them it is found that we must add to  $Q$  one-hundredth part of itself; what is the ratio of the arms and the ratio of  $P$  to  $Q$ ?

13. A true balance has one scale unjustly loaded; if a body be successively weighed in the two scales and appear to weigh  $P$  and  $Q$  pounds respectively, find the amount of the unjust load and also the true weight of the body.

14. The arms of a false balance are unequal and the scale loaded; a body, whose true weight is  $P$  lbs., appears to weigh  $w$  lbs. when placed in one scale and  $w'$  lbs. when placed in the other; find the ratio of the arms and the weight with which the scale is loaded.

15. In a loaded balance with unequal arms,  $P$  appears to weigh  $Q$ , and  $Q$  appears to weigh  $R$ ; find what  $R$  appears to weigh.

16. A piece of wood in the form of a long wedge, of uniform width, one end being  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch and the other  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch thick, is suspended by its centre of gravity and used as the beam of a balance, the goods to be weighed being suspended from the longer arm; find the true weight of goods whose apparent weight is 20 lbs.

17. The arms of a false balance are  $a$  and  $b$ , and a weight  $W$  balances  $P$  at the end of the shorter arm  $b$ , and  $Q$  at the end of the arm  $a$ ; shew that

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{P - W}{W - Q}.$$

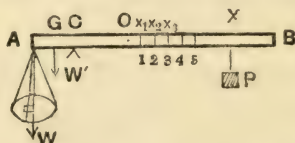


18. If a man, sitting in one scale of a weighing-machine, press with a stick against any point of the beam between the point from which the scale is suspended and the fulcrum, shew that he will appear to weigh more than before.

## VI. The Steelyards.

164. The **Common**, or Roman, Steelyard is a machine for weighing bodies and consists of a rod,  $AB$ , movable about a fixed fulcrum at a point  $C$ .

At the point  $A$  is attached a scale-pan which contains the body to be weighed, and on the arm  $CB$  slides a movable



weight  $P$ . The point at which  $P$  must be placed, in order that the beam may rest in a horizontal position, determines the weight of the body in the scale-pan. The arm  $CB$  has numbers engraved on it at different points of its length, so that the graduation at which the weight  $P$  rests gives the weight of the body.

165. *To graduate the Steelyard.* Let  $W$  be the weight of the steelyard and the scale-pan, and let  $G$  be the point of the beam through which  $W'$  acts. The beam is usually constructed so that  $G$  lies in the shorter arm  $AC$ .

When there is no weight in the scale-pan, let  $O$  be the point in  $CB$  at which the movable weight  $P$  must be placed to balance  $W'$ .

Taking moments about  $C$ , we have

$$W' \cdot GC = P \cdot CO \dots \dots \dots (i).$$

This condition determines the position of the point  $O$  which is the zero of graduation.



When the weight in the scale-pan is  $W$ , let  $X$  be the point at which  $P$  must be placed. Taking moments, we have

$$W \cdot CA + W' \cdot GC = P \cdot CX \dots\dots\dots(ii).$$

By subtracting equation (i) from equation (ii), we have

$$W \cdot CA = P \cdot OX.$$

$$\therefore OX = \frac{W}{P} \cdot CA \dots\dots\dots(iii).$$

First, let  $W = P$ ; then, by (iii), we have

$$OX = CA.$$

Hence, if from  $O$  we measure off a distance  $OX_1 (= CA)$ , and if we mark the point  $X_1$  with the figure 1, then, when the movable weight rests here, the body in the scale-pan is  $P$  lbs.

Secondly, let  $W = 2P$ ; then, from (iii),  $OX = 2CA$ .

Hence from  $O$  mark off a distance  $2CA$ , and at the extremity put the figure 2. Thirdly, let  $W = 3P$ ; then, from (iii),  $OX = 3CA$ , and we therefore mark off a distance from  $O$  equal to  $3CA$ , and mark the extremity with the figure 3.

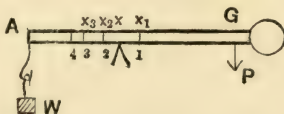
Hence, to graduate the steelyard, we must mark off from  $O$  successive distances  $CA, 2CA, 3CA, \dots$  and at their extremities put the figures 1, 2, 3, 4, .... The intermediate spaces can be subdivided to shew fractions of  $P$  lbs.

If the movable weight be 1 lb., the graduations will shew pounds.

**Cor.** Since the distances between successive graduations are equal, it follows that the distances of the points of graduations from the fulcrum, corresponding to equal increments of weight, form an arithmetical progression whose common difference is the distance between the fulcrum and the point at which the body to be weighed is attached.

**166.** When the centre of gravity  $G$  of the machine is in the longer arm, the point  $O$  from which the graduations are to be measured must lie in the shorter arm. The theory will be the same as before, except that in this case we shall have to add the equations (i) and (ii).

**167.** The **Danish** steelyard consists of a bar  $AB$ , terminating in a heavy knob, or ball,  $B$ . At  $A$  is attached a scale-pan in which is placed the body to be weighed.



The weight of the body is determined by observing about what point of the bar the machine balances.

[This is usually done by having a loop of string, which can slide along the bar, and finding where the loop must be to give equilibrium.]

**168.** *To graduate the Danish steelyard.* Let  $P$  be the weight of the bar and scale-pan, and let  $G$  be their common centre of gravity. When a body of weight  $W$  is placed in the scale-pan, let  $X$  be the position of the fulcrum.

By taking moments about  $X$ , we have

$$AX \cdot W = XG \cdot P = (AG - AX) \cdot P.$$

$$\therefore AX(P + W) = P \cdot AG.$$

$$\therefore AX = \frac{P}{P + W} \cdot AG \dots\dots\dots(i).$$

First, let  $W = P$ ; then  $AX = \frac{1}{2}AG$ .

Hence bisect  $AG$  and at the middle point,  $X_1$ , engrave the figure 1; when the steelyard balances about this point the weight of the body in the scale-pan is  $P$ .

Secondly, let  $W = 2P$ ; then  $AX = \frac{1}{3}AG$ .

Take a point at a distance from  $A$  equal to  $\frac{1}{3}AG$  and mark it 2.

Next, let  $W$  in succession be equal to  $3P, 4P, \dots$ ; from (i), the corresponding values of  $AX$  are  $\frac{1}{4}AG, \frac{1}{5}AG, \dots$ . Take points of the bar at these distances from  $A$  and mark them 3, 4,...

Finally, let  $W = \frac{1}{2}P$ ; then, from (i),  $AX = \frac{2}{3}AG$ ; and let  $W = \frac{1}{3}P$ ; then, from (i),  $AX = \frac{3}{4}AG$ .

Take points whose distances from  $A$  are  $\frac{2}{3}AG, \frac{3}{4}AG, \frac{4}{5}AG, \dots$ , and mark them  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots$ .

It will be noticed that the point  $G$  can be easily determined; for it is the position of the fulcrum when the steelyard balances without any weight in the scale-pan.

**Cor.** Since  $AX_1, AX_2, AX_3, \dots$  are inversely proportional to the numbers 2, 3, 4, ... they form an harmonical progression; hence the distances of the points of graduation from the scale-pan (corresponding to equal increments of the body to be weighed) are in harmonical progression.

**169. Ex.** *A Danish steelyard weighs 6 lbs., and the distance of its centre of gravity from the scale-pan is 3 feet; find the distances of the successive points of graduation from the fulcrum.*

Taking the notation of the preceding article, we have  $P=6$ , and  $AG=3$  feet.

$$\therefore AX = \frac{6}{6+W} \times 3 = \frac{18}{W+6} \text{ feet.}$$

$$\therefore \text{when } W=1, AX_1 = \frac{18}{7} = 2\frac{4}{7} \text{ feet,}$$

$$\text{when } W=2, AX_2 = \frac{18}{8} = 2\frac{1}{4} \text{ feet,}$$

$$\text{when } W=3, AX_3 = \frac{18}{9} = 2 \text{ feet,}$$

.....

$$\text{when } W=\frac{1}{2}, AX_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{18}{\frac{1}{2}+6} = 2\frac{10}{13} \text{ feet,}$$

and so on.

These give the required graduations.

## EXAMPLES. XXVII.

1. A common steelyard weighs 10 lbs.; the weight is suspended from a point 4 inches from the fulcrum, and the centre of gravity of the steelyard is 3 inches on the other side of the fulcrum; the movable weight is 12 lbs.; where should the graduation corresponding to 1 cwt. be situated?

2. A heavy tapering rod,  $14\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and of weight 3 lbs., has its centre of gravity  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches from the thick end and is used as a steelyard with a movable weight of 2 lbs.; where must the fulcrum be placed, so that it may weigh up to 12 lbs., and what are the intervals between the graduations that denote pounds?

3. In a steelyard, in which the distance of the fulcrum from the point of suspension of the weight is one inch and the movable weight is 6 ozs., to weigh 15 lbs. the weight must be placed 8 inches from the fulcrum; where must it be placed to weigh 24 lbs.?

4. The fulcrum is distant  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches from the point at which are suspended the goods to be weighed, and is distant 2 inches from the centre of gravity of the bar; the bar itself weighs 3 lbs. and a 2 lb. weight slides on it. At what distance apart are the graduations marking successive pounds' weight, and what is the least weight that can be weighed?

5. A steelyard,  $AB$ , 4 feet long, has its centre of gravity 11 inches, and its fulcrum 8 inches, from  $A$ . If the weight of the machine be 4 lbs. and the movable weight be 3 lbs., find how many inches from  $B$  is the graduation marking 15 lbs.

6. A uniform bar,  $AB$ , 2 feet long and weighing 3 lbs., is used as a steelyard, being supported at a point 4 inches from  $A$ . Find the greatest weight that can be weighed with a movable weight of 2 lbs., and find also the point from which the graduations are measured.

7. A uniform rod being divided into 20 equal parts, the fulcrum is placed at the first graduation. The greatest and least weights which the instrument can weigh are 20 and 2 lbs.; find its weight and the magnitude of the movable weight.

8. A uniform rod, 2 feet long and of weight 3 lbs., is used as a steelyard, whose fulcrum is 2 inches from one end, the sliding weight being 1 lb. Find the greatest and the least weights that can be measured.

Where should the sliding weight be to shew 20 lbs.?

9. The beam of a steelyard is 33 inches in length; the fulcrum is distant 4 inches and the centre of gravity of the beam  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the point of attachment of the weight; if the weight of the beam be 6 lbs. and the heaviest weight that can be weighed be 24 lbs., find the magnitude of the movable weight.



10. A steelyard is formed of a uniform bar, 3 feet long and weighing  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., and the fulcrum is distant 4 inches from one end; if the movable weight be 1 lb., find the greatest and least weights that can be weighed by the machine and the distance between the graduations when it is graduated to shew pounds.

11. A common steelyard, supposed uniform, is 40 inches long, the weight of the beam is equal to the movable weight, and the greatest weight that can be weighed by it is four times the movable weight; find the position of the fulcrum.

12. In a Danish steelyard the distance between the zero graduation and the end of the instrument is divided into 20 equal parts and the greatest weight that can be weighed is 3 lbs. 9 ozs.; find the weight of the instrument.

13. Find the length of a Danish steelyard, whose weight is 1 lb., and in which the distance between the graduations denoting 4 and 5 lbs. is one inch.

14. In a Danish steelyard the fulcrum rests halfway between the first and second graduation; shew that the weight in the scale-pan is  $\frac{7}{8}$ ths of the weight of the bar.

15. If the weight of a steelyard be worn away to one-half, its length and centre of gravity remaining unaltered, what corrections must be applied to make the weighing true, if the distance of the zero point of graduation from the fulcrum were originally one-third of the distance between successive graduations, and if the movable weight be one pound?

16. A steelyard by use loses  $\frac{1}{10}$ th of its weight, its centre of gravity remaining unaltered; shew how to correct its graduations.

17. A shopman, using a common steelyard, alters the movable weight for which it has been graduated; does he cheat himself or his customers?

18. In a weighing machine constructed on the principle of a common steelyard, the pounds are read off by graduations reading from 0 to 14 lbs., and the stones by a weight hung at the end of the arm; if the weight corresponding to one stone be 7 ounces, the movable weight  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., and the length of the arm measured from the fulcrum 1 foot, shew that the distance between successive graduations is  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch.

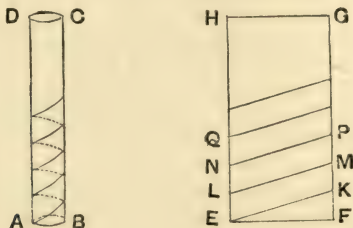
19. A weighing machine is constructed so that for each complete stone placed in the weighing pan an additional mass of  $m$  ounces has to be placed at the end of the arm, which is one foot in length measured from the fulcrum, whilst the odd pounds in the weighing pan are measured by a mass of  $n$  ounces sliding along the weighing arm. Shew that the distances between the graduations for successive lbs. must be  $\frac{6m}{7n}$  inches.



## VII. The Screw.

**170.** A Screw consists of a cylinder of metal round the outside of which runs a protuberant thread of metal.

Let  $ABCD$  be a solid cylinder, and let  $EFGH$  be a



rectangle, whose base  $EF$  is equal to the circumference of the solid cylinder. On  $EH$  and  $FG$  take points

$L, N, Q \dots$  and  $K, M, P \dots$

such that  $EL, LN, \dots FK, KM, MP \dots$

are all equal, and join  $EK, LM, NP, \dots$

Wrap the rectangle round the cylinder, so that the point  $E$  coincides with  $A$  and  $EH$  with the line  $AD$ . On being wrapped round the cylinder the point  $F$  will coincide with  $E$  at  $A$ .

The lines  $EK, LM, NP \dots$  will now become a continuous spiral line on the surface of the cylinder and, if we imagine the metal along this spiral line to become protuberant, we shall have the thread of a screw.

It is evident, by the method of construction, that the thread is an inclined plane running round the cylinder

and that its inclination to the horizon is the same everywhere and equal to the angle  $KEF$ . This angle is often called the angle of the screw, and the distance between two consecutive threads, measured parallel to the axis, is called the pitch of the screw.

It is clear that  $FK$  is equal to the distance between consecutive threads on the screw, and that  $EF$  is equal to the circumference of the cylinder on which the thread is traced.

$$\therefore \tan (\text{angle of screw}) = \frac{FK}{EF}$$

$$= \frac{\text{pitch of screw}}{\text{circumference of a circle whose radius is the distance from the axis of any point of the screw.}}$$

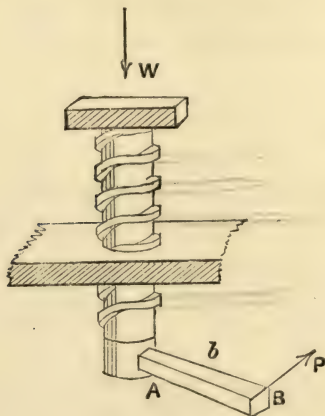
The section of the thread of the screw has, in practice, various shapes. The only kind that we shall consider has the section rectangular.

**171.** The screw usually works in a fixed support, along the inside of which is cut out a hollow of the same shape as the thread of the screw, and along which the thread slides. The only movement admissible to the screw is to revolve about its axis, and at the same time to move in a direction parallel to its length.

If the screw were placed in an upright position, and a weight placed on its top, the screw would revolve and descend since there is supposed to be no friction between the screw and its support. Hence, if the screw is to remain in equilibrium, some power must be applied to it; this power is usually applied at one end of a horizontal arm, the other end of which is rigidly attached to the screw.

**172.** *In a smooth screw, to find the relation between the power and the weight.*

Let  $a$  be the distance of any point on the thread of the screw from its axis, and  $b$  the distance,  $AB$ , from the axis of the screw, of the point at which the power is applied.



The screw is in equilibrium under the action of the power  $P$ , the weight  $W$ , and the reactions at the points in which the fixed block touches the thread of the screw. Let  $R, S, T, \dots$  denote the pressures of the block at different points of the thread of the screw. These will be all perpendicular to the thread of the screw, since it is smooth.

Let  $\alpha$  be the inclination of the thread of the screw to the horizon.

The horizontal and vertical components of the pressure  $R$  are  $R \sin \alpha$  and  $R \cos \alpha$  respectively.

Similarly, we may resolve  $S, T, \dots$

Hence the pressures of the block are equivalent to a set of forces  $R \cos \alpha$ ,  $S \cos \alpha$ ,  $T \cos \alpha$ , ... vertically, and a set  $R \sin \alpha$ ,  $S \sin \alpha$ ,  $T \sin \alpha$ , ... horizontally. These latter forces, though they act at different points of the screw, all act at the same distance from the axis of the screw;



they also tend to turn the screw in the opposite direction to that of  $P$ .

Equating the vertical forces, we have

$$W = R \cos \alpha + S \cos \alpha + \dots = (R + S + T + \dots) \cos \alpha \dots (1).$$

Also, taking moments about the axis of the screw, we have, by Art. 93,

$$\begin{aligned} P \cdot b &= R \sin \alpha \cdot a + S \sin \alpha \cdot a + T \sin \alpha \cdot a + \dots \\ &= a \sin \alpha (R + S + T + \dots) \dots \dots \dots (2). \end{aligned}$$

From equations (1) and (2) we have, by division,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P \cdot b}{W} &= \frac{a \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}, \\ \therefore \frac{P}{W} &= \frac{a}{b} \tan \alpha = \frac{2\pi a \tan \alpha}{2\pi b}. \end{aligned}$$

But, by Art. 170,

$2\pi a \tan \alpha$  = distance between consecutive threads.

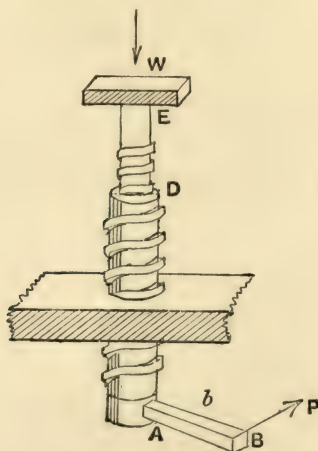
Also  $2\pi b$  = circumference of the circle described by the end  $B$  of the power-arm.

$$\text{Hence the mechanical advantage} = \frac{W}{P} = \frac{2\pi b}{2\pi a \tan \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{\text{circumference of a circle whose radius is the power-arm}}{\text{distance between consecutive threads of the screw}}.$$

**\*173.** Theoretically, the mechanical advantage in the case of the screw can be made as large as we please, by decreasing sufficiently the distance between the threads of the screw. In practice, however, this is impossible; for, if we diminish the distance between the threads to too small a quantity, the threads themselves would not be sufficiently strong to bear the strain put upon them.

By means of **Hunter's Differential Screw** this difficulty may be overcome.



In this machine we have a screw *AD* working in a fixed block. The inside of the screw *AD* is hollow and is grooved to admit a smaller screw *DE*. The screw *DE* is fastened at *E* to a block, so that it cannot rotate, but can only move in the direction of its length.

When the power-arm *AB* has made one revolution, the screw *AD* has advanced a distance equal to the distance between two consecutive threads, and at the same



time the smaller screw goes into  $DA$  a distance equal to the distance between two consecutive threads of the smaller screw. Hence the smaller screw, and therefore also the weight, advances a distance equal to the *difference* of these two distances.

When in equilibrium let  $R, S, T, \dots$  be the pressures between the larger screw and its block, and  $R', S', T', \dots$  the pressures between the inner and outer screws; let  $a$  and  $a'$  be the radii, and  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha'$  the angles of the screws.

As in the last article, since the outer screw is in equilibrium, we have

$$P \cdot b = (R + S + T + \dots) \sin \alpha \cdot a - (R' + S' + \dots) \sin \alpha' \cdot a' \quad \dots\dots\dots(1),$$

$$\text{and } (R + S + T + \dots) \cos \alpha = (R' + S' + \dots) \cos \alpha' \quad \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

Also, since the inner screw is in equilibrium, we have

$$W = (R' + S' + T' \dots) \cos \alpha' \quad \dots\dots\dots(3).$$

From (2) and (3), we have

$$R' + S' + \dots = \frac{W}{\cos \alpha'}, \text{ and } R + S + \dots = \frac{W}{\cos \alpha}.$$

Hence, from (1),

$$P \cdot b = W \cdot a \tan \alpha - W \cdot a' \tan \alpha'.$$

$$\therefore \frac{W}{P} = \frac{2\pi b}{2\pi a \tan \alpha - 2\pi a' \tan \alpha'}$$

$$= \frac{\text{circum. of the circle described by the end of the power-arm}}{\text{difference of the pitches of the two screws}}.$$

By making the pitches of the two screws nearly equal, we can make the mechanical advantage very great without weakening the machine.

*Explanation  
by principles  
work is done  
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## EXAMPLES. XXVIII.

1. Find what mass can be lifted by a smooth vertical screw of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins. pitch, if the power be a force of 25 lbs. wt. acting at the end of an arm,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet long.
2. What must be the length of the power-arm of a screw, having 6 threads to the inch, so that the mechanical advantage may be 216?
3. What force applied to the end of an arm, 18 ins. long, will produce a pressure of 1100 lbs. wt. upon the head of a screw, when seven turns cause the screw to advance through  $\frac{2}{3}$  rds of an inch?
4. A screw, whose pitch is  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, is turned by means of a lever, 4 feet long; find the power which will raise 15 cwt.
5. The arm of a screw-jack is 1 yard long, and the screw has 2 threads to the inch. What force must be applied to the arm to raise 1 ton?
6. What is the thrust caused by a screw, having 4 threads to the inch, when a force of 50 lbs. wt. is applied to the end of an arm, 2 feet long?
7. What pressure will a screw, whose arm is 2 feet and with 10 threads per foot of its length, produce, if the power be a force of 112 lbs. weight?
8. If the power be applied at the end of an arm of 1 foot in length, and if the screw make seven complete turns in 1 foot of its length, find the power that will support a weight of 1 ton.
9. If the lever by which a screw is worked be 6 feet in length, determine the distance between two successive threads of the screw, in order that the pressure of 10 lbs. wt. applied to each end of the lever may produce a pressure of 1000 lbs. wt. at the end of the screw.
10. Find the mechanical advantage in a differential screw, having 5 threads to an inch and 6 threads to the inch, the power being applied at the circumference of a wheel of diameter 4 feet.
11. Find the mechanical advantage in a differential screw, the larger screw having 8 threads to the inch and the smaller 9 threads, the length of the power-arm being 1 foot.

## CHAPTER XII.

### FRICTION.

**174.** IN Art. 20 we defined smooth bodies to be bodies such that, if they be in contact, the only action between them is perpendicular to both surfaces at the point of contact. With smooth bodies, therefore, there is no force tending to prevent one body sliding over the other. If a perfectly smooth body be placed on a perfectly smooth inclined plane, there is no action between the plane and the body to prevent the latter from sliding down the plane, and hence the body will not remain at rest on the plane unless some external force be applied to it.

Practically, however, there are no bodies which are perfectly smooth; there is always *some* force between two bodies in contact to prevent one sliding upon the other. Such a force is called the force of friction.

**Friction. Def.** *If two bodies be in contact with one another, the property of the two bodies, by virtue of which a force is exerted between the two bodies at their point of contact to prevent one body sliding on the other, is called friction; also the force exerted is called the force of friction.*

**175.** Friction is a self-adjusting force; no more friction is called into play than is sufficient to prevent motion.

Let a heavy slab of iron with a plane base be placed on a horizontal table. If we attach a piece of string to some point of the body, and pull in a horizontal direction passing through the centre of gravity of the slab, a resistance is felt which prevents our moving the body; this resistance is exactly equal to the force which we exert on the body.

If we now stop pulling, the force of friction also ceases to act; for, if the force of friction did not cease to act, the body would move.

The amount of friction which can be exerted between two bodies is not, however, unlimited. If we continually increase the force which we exert on the slab, we find that finally the friction is not sufficient to overcome this force, and the body moves.

**176.** Friction plays an important part in the mechanical problems of ordinary life. If there were no friction between our boots and the ground, we should not be able to walk; if there were no friction between a ladder and the ground, the ladder would not rest, unless held, in any position inclined to the vertical.

**177.** The laws of statical friction are as follows:

**Law I.** *When two bodies are in contact, the direction of the friction on one of them at its point of contact is opposite to the direction in which this point of contact would commence to move.*

**Law II.** *The magnitude of the friction is, when there is equilibrium, just sufficient to prevent the body from moving.*

**178.** Suppose, in Art. 151, Case I., the plane to be rough, and that the body, instead of being supported by a power, rested freely on the plane. In this case the power  $P$  is replaced by the friction, which is therefore equal to  $W \sin \alpha$ .

**Ex. 1.** In what direction does the force of friction act in the cases of (1) the wheel of a carriage, (2) the feet of a man who is walking?

**Ex. 2.** A body, of weight 30 lbs., rests on a rough horizontal plane and is acted upon by a force, equal to 10 lbs. wt., making an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the horizontal; shew that the force of friction is equal to about 8.66 lbs. wt.

**Ex. 3.** A body, resting on a rough horizontal plane, is acted on by two horizontal forces, equal respectively to 7 and 8 lbs. wt., and acting at an angle of  $60^\circ$ ; shew that the force of friction is equal to 13 lbs. wt. in a direction making an angle  $\sin^{-1} \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{13}$  with the first force.

**Ex. 4.** A body, of weight 40 lbs., rests on a rough plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizon, and is supported by (1) a force of 14 lbs. wt. acting up the plane, (2) a force of 25 lbs. acting up the plane, (3) a horizontal force equal to 20 lbs. wt., (4) a force equal to 30 lbs. wt. making an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the plane.

Find the force of friction in each case.

*Ans.* (1) 6 lbs. wt. up the plane; (2) 5 lbs. wt. down the plane; (3) 2.68 lbs. wt. up the plane; (4) 5.98 lbs. wt. down the plane.

**179.** The above laws hold good, in general; but the amount of friction that can be exerted is limited, and equilibrium is sometimes on the point of being destroyed.

**Limiting Friction. Def.** *When one body is just on the point of sliding upon another body, the equilibrium is said to be limiting, and the friction then exerted is called limiting friction.*

**180.** The direction of the limiting friction is given by Law I. (Art. 177).

The magnitude of the limiting friction is given by the three following laws.

**Law III.** *The magnitude of the limiting friction always bears a constant ratio to the normal reaction, and this ratio depends only on the substances of which the bodies are composed.*

**Law IV.** *The limiting friction is independent of the extent and shape of the surfaces in contact, so long as the normal reaction is unaltered.*



**Law V.** *When motion ensues, by one body sliding over the other, the direction of friction is opposite to the direction of motion; the magnitude of the friction is independent of the velocity, but the ratio of the friction to the normal reaction is slightly less than when the body is at rest and just on the point of motion.*

The above laws are experimental, and cannot be accepted as rigorously accurate; they represent, however, to a fair degree of accuracy the actual circumstances.

**181. Coefficient of Friction.** The constant ratio of the limiting friction to the normal pressure is called the coefficient of friction, and is generally denoted by  $\mu$ ; hence, if  $F$  be the friction, and  $R$  the normal pressure, between two bodies when equilibrium is on the point of being destroyed, we have  $\frac{F}{R} = \mu$ , and hence  $F = \mu R$ .

The values of  $\mu$  are widely different for different pairs of substances in contact; no pairs of substances are, however, known for which the coefficient of friction is as great as unity.

**182. Angle of Friction.** When the equilibrium is limiting, if the friction and the normal reaction be compounded into one single force, the angle which this force makes with the normal is called the angle of friction, and the single force is called the resultant reaction.

Let  $A$  be the point of contact of the two bodies, and let  $AB$  and  $AC$  be the directions of the normal force  $R$  and the friction  $\mu R$ .

Let  $AD$  be the direction of the resultant reaction  $S$ , so that the angle of friction is  $BAD$ . Let this angle be  $\lambda$ .

Since  $R$  and  $\mu R$  are the components of  $S$ , we have

$$S \cos \lambda = R,$$

and

$$S \sin \lambda = \mu R.$$



Hence, by squaring and adding, we have

$$S = R \sqrt{1 + \mu^2},$$

and, by division,  $\tan \lambda = \mu$ .

Hence we see that *the coefficient of friction is equal to the tangent of the angle of friction.*

183. Since the greatest value of the friction is  $\mu R$ , it follows that the greatest angle which the direction of resultant reaction can make with the normal is  $\lambda$ , i.e.,  $\tan^{-1} \mu$ .

Hence, if two bodies be in contact and if, with the common normal as axis, and the point of contact as vertex, we describe a cone whose semi-vertical angle is  $\tan^{-1} \mu$ , it is possible for the resultant reaction to have any direction lying within, or upon, this cone, but it cannot have any direction lying without the cone.

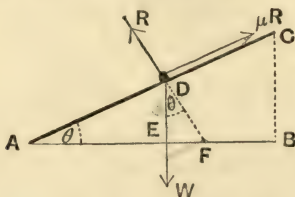
This cone is called the **Cone of friction**.

184. The following table, taken from Prof. Rankine's *Machinery and Millwork*, gives the coefficients and angles of friction for a few substances.

SUBSTANCES	$\mu$	$\lambda$
Wood on wood —Dry	·25 to ·5	$14^\circ$ to $26\frac{1}{2}^\circ$
" " " —Soaped	·04 to ·2	$2^\circ$ to $11\frac{1}{2}^\circ$
Metals on metals —Dry	·15 to ·2	$8\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ to $11\frac{1}{2}^\circ$
" " " —Wet	·3	$16\frac{1}{2}^\circ$
Leather on metals —Dry	·56	$29\frac{1}{2}^\circ$
" " " —Wet	·36	$20^\circ$
" " " —Oily	·15	$8\frac{1}{2}^\circ$

**185.** *If a body be placed upon a rough inclined plane, and be on the point of sliding down the plane under the action of its weight and the reactions of the plane only, the angle of inclination of the plane to the horizon is equal to the angle of friction.*

Let  $\theta$  be the inclination of the plane to the horizon,  $W$  the weight of the body, and  $R$  the normal reaction.



Since the body is on the point of motion *down* the plane, the friction acts *up* the plane and is equal to  $\mu R$ .

Resolving perpendicular and parallel to the plane, we have

$$W \cos \theta = R,$$

and

$$W \sin \theta = \mu R.$$

Hence, by division,

$$\tan \theta = \mu = \tan (\text{angle of friction}),$$

$$\therefore \theta = \text{the angle of friction.}$$

This may be shewn otherwise thus :

Since the body is in equilibrium under the action of its weight and the resultant reaction, the latter must be vertical; but, since the equilibrium is limiting, the resultant reaction makes with the normal the angle of friction.

Hence the angle between the normal and the vertical is the angle of friction, *i.e.*, the inclination of the plane to the horizon is the angle of friction.

**N.B.** The student must carefully notice that, when the body rests on the inclined plane *supported by an external force*, it must not be assumed that the coefficient of friction is equal to the tangent of inclination of the plane to the horizon.

**186.** *To determine the coefficient of friction experimentally.*

By means of the theorem of the previous article the coefficient of friction between two bodies may be experimentally obtained.

For let an inclined plane be made of one of the substances and let its face be made as smooth as is possible; on this face let there be placed a slab, having a plane face, composed of the other substance.

If the angle of inclination of the plane be gradually increased, until the slab *just* slides, the tangent of the angle of inclination is the coefficient of friction.

To obtain the result as accurately as possible, the experiment should be performed a large number of times with the same substances, and the mean of all the results taken.

**187. Equilibrium on a rough inclined plane.**

*A body is placed on a rough plane inclined to the horizon at an angle greater than the angle of friction, and is supported by a force, acting parallel to the plane, and along a line of greatest slope; to find the limits between which the force must lie.*

Let  $\alpha$  be the inclination of the plane to the horizon,  $W$  the weight of the body, and  $R$  the normal reaction (Fig. I., Art. 151).

(i) Let the body be on the point of motion *down* the plane, so that the friction acts *up* the plane and is equal to  $\mu R$ ; let  $P$  be the force required to keep the body at rest.

Resolving parallel and perpendicular to the plane, we have

$$P + \mu R = W \sin \alpha \dots\dots\dots(1),$$

and

$$R = W \cos \alpha \dots\dots\dots(2),$$

$$\therefore P = W (\sin \alpha - \mu \cos \alpha).$$

If  $\mu = \tan \lambda$ , we have

$$P = W [\sin \alpha - \tan \lambda \cos \alpha] \\ = W \left[ \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \lambda - \sin \lambda \cos \alpha}{\cos \lambda} \right] = W \frac{\sin (\alpha - \lambda)}{\cos \lambda} \dots (3).$$

(ii) Let the body be on the point of motion *up* the plane, so that the friction acts *down* the plane and is equal to  $\mu R$ ; let  $P_1$  be the force required to keep the body at rest. In this case, we have

$$P_1 - \mu R = W \sin \alpha,$$

and

$$R = W \cos \alpha.$$

Hence  $P_1 = W (\sin \alpha + \mu \cos \alpha)$

$$= W [\sin \alpha + \tan \lambda \cos \alpha] = W \frac{\sin (\alpha + \lambda)}{\cos \lambda} \dots (4).$$

These values,  $P$  and  $P_1$ , are the limiting values of the force, if the body is to remain in equilibrium; if the force lie between  $P$  and  $P_1$ , the body remains in equilibrium, but is not on the point of motion in either direction.

Hence, for equilibrium, the force must lie between the values  $W \frac{\sin (\alpha \pm \lambda)}{\cos \lambda}$ .

It will be noted that the value of  $P_1$  may be obtained from that of  $P$  by changing the sign of  $\mu$ .

**188.** If the power  $P$  act at an angle  $\theta$  with the inclined plane (as in Art. 151, Case III.), when the body is on the point of motion *down* the plane and the friction acts therefore *up* the plane, the equations of equilibrium are

$$P \cos \theta + \mu R = W \sin \alpha \dots (1),$$

$$P \sin \theta + R = W \cos \alpha \dots (2),$$

Hence, multiplying (2) by  $\mu$ , and subtracting, we have

$$P = W \frac{\sin \alpha - \mu \cos \alpha}{\cos \theta - \mu \sin \theta} = W \frac{\sin (\alpha - \lambda)}{\cos (\theta + \lambda)}.$$



By substituting this value of  $P$  in (2), the value of  $R$  may be found.

When the body is on the point of motion *up* the plane we have, by changing the sign of  $\mu$ ,

$$P_1 = W \frac{\sin(a + \lambda)}{\cos(\theta - \lambda)}.$$

**Cor.** The force that will just be on the point of moving the body up the plane is least when

$$W \frac{\sin(a + \lambda)}{\cos(\theta - \lambda)} \text{ is least,}$$

*i.e.*, when  $\cos(\theta - \lambda)$  is unity,

*i.e.*, when  $\theta = \lambda$ .

Hence the force required to move the body up the plane will be least when it is applied in a direction making with the inclined plane an angle equal to the angle of friction.

### EXAMPLES. XXIX.

1. A body, of weight 40 lbs., rests on a rough horizontal plane whose coefficient of friction is  $\cdot 25$ ; find the least force which acting horizontally would move the body.

Find also the least force which, acting at an angle  $\cos^{-1} \frac{3}{4}$  with the horizontal, would move the body.

Determine the direction and magnitude of the resultant pressure of the plane in each case.

2. A heavy block with a plane base is resting on a rough horizontal plane. It is acted on by a force at an inclination of  $45^\circ$  to the plane, and the force is gradually increased till the block is just going to slide. If the coefficient of friction be  $\cdot 5$ , compare the force with the weight of the block.

3. A mass of 30 lbs. is resting on a rough horizontal plane and can be just moved by a force of 10 lbs. wt. acting horizontally; find the coefficient of friction and the direction and magnitude of the resultant reaction of the plane.

4. Shew that the least force which will move a weight  $W$  along a rough horizontal plane is  $W \sin \phi$ , where  $\phi$  is the angle of friction.

5. The inclination of a rough plane to the horizon is  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$ ; shew that, if the coefficient of friction be  $\frac{1}{3}$ , the least force, acting parallel to the plane, that will support 1 cwt. placed on the plane is  $8\frac{8}{13}$  lbs. wt.; shew also that the force that would be on the point of moving the body up the plane is  $77\frac{7}{13}$  lbs. wt.

6. The base of an inclined plane is 4 feet in length and the height is 3 feet; a force of 8 lbs., acting parallel to the plane, will just prevent a weight of 20 lbs. from sliding down; find the coefficient of friction.

7. A body, of weight 4 lbs., rests in limiting equilibrium on a rough plane whose slope is  $30^\circ$ ; the plane being raised to a slope of  $60^\circ$ , find the force along the plane required to support the body.

8. A weight of 30 lbs. just rests on a rough inclined plane, the height of the plane being  $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of its length. Shew that it will require a force of 36 lbs. wt. acting parallel to the plane just to be on the point of moving the weight up the plane.

9. A weight of 60 lbs. is on the point of motion down a rough inclined plane when supported by a force of 24 lbs. wt. acting parallel to the plane, and is on the point of motion up the plane when under the influence of a force of 36 lbs. wt. parallel to the plane; find the coefficient of friction.

10. Two inclined planes have a common vertex, and a string, passing over a small smooth pulley at the vertex, supports two equal weights. If one of the planes be rough and the other smooth, find the relation between the two angles of inclination of the two planes when the weight on the smooth plane is on the point of moving down.

11. Two unequal weights on a rough inclined plane are connected by a string which passes round a fixed pulley in the plane; find the greatest inclination of the plane consistent with the equilibrium of the weights.

12. Two equal weights are attached to the ends of a string which is laid over the top of two equally rough planes, having the same altitude and placed back to back, the angles of inclination of the planes to the horizon being  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively; shew that the weights will be on the point of motion if the coefficient of friction be  $2 - \sqrt{3}$ .

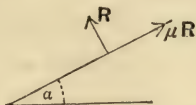
13. A particle is placed on the outside surface of a rough sphere whose coefficient of friction is  $\mu$ . Shew that it will be on the point of motion when the radius from it to the centre makes an angle  $\tan^{-1} \mu$  with the vertical.

14. How high can a particle rest inside a hollow sphere, of radius  $a$ , if the coefficient of friction be  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ ?

15. At what angle of inclination should the traces be attached to a sledge that it may be drawn up a given hill with the least exertion?

**189. Equilibrium of a rough screw.** *To find the relation between the power and the weight in the case of a screw, when friction is taken into account.*

Using the same notation as in Art. 172, let the screw be on the point of motion *downwards*, so that the friction acts *upwards* along the thread. [As in Art. 170, its section is rectangular.]



In this case the vertical pressures of the block are

$$R (\cos \alpha + \mu \sin \alpha), S (\cos \alpha + \mu \sin \alpha), \dots$$

and the horizontal components of these pressures are

$$R (\sin \alpha - \mu \cos \alpha), S (\sin \alpha - \mu \cos \alpha), \dots$$

Hence the equations (1) and (2) of Art. 172 become

$$W = (R + S + T + \dots) (\cos \alpha + \mu \sin \alpha) \dots\dots(1),$$

and  $P \cdot b = a (R + S + T + \dots) (\sin \alpha - \mu \cos \alpha) \dots\dots(2).$

Hence, by division,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P \cdot b}{W} &= a \frac{\sin \alpha - \mu \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha + \mu \sin \alpha} = a \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \lambda - \cos \alpha \sin \lambda}{\cos \alpha \cos \lambda + \sin \alpha \sin \lambda} \\ &= a \frac{\sin (\alpha - \lambda)}{\cos (\alpha - \lambda)}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{P}{W} = \frac{a}{b} \tan (\alpha - \lambda).$$

Similarly, if the screw be on the point of motion *upwards*, we have, by changing the sign of  $\mu$ ,

$$\frac{P_1}{W} = \frac{a}{b} \frac{\sin \alpha + \mu \cos \alpha}{\cos \alpha - \mu \sin \alpha} = \frac{a}{b} \tan (\alpha + \lambda).$$

If the power have any value between  $P$  and  $P_1$ , the screw will be in equilibrium, but the friction will not be limiting friction.

It will be noted that if the angle  $\alpha$  of the screw be equal to the angle of friction,  $\lambda$ , then the value of the power  $P$  is zero. In this case the screw will just remain in equilibrium supported only by the friction along the thread of the screw.

**Ex.** If the circumference of a screw be two inches, the distance between its threads half an inch, and the coefficient of friction  $\frac{1}{5}$ , find the limits between which the power must lie, so that the screw may be in equilibrium when it is supporting a body of weight 1 cwt., the length of the power arm being 12 inches.

Here  $2\pi a = 2$ , and  $2\pi a \tan \alpha = \frac{1}{5}$ .

$$\therefore a = \frac{1}{\pi}, \text{ and } \tan \alpha = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Also  $\tan \lambda = \frac{1}{5}$ , and  $b = 12$ .

Hence the force which would just support the screw

$$\begin{aligned} &= 112 \times \frac{a}{b} \tan (\alpha - \lambda) \\ &= 112 \times \frac{1}{12\pi} \times \frac{\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5}}{1 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{5}} = \frac{112}{12\pi} \times \frac{1}{21} = \frac{14}{99} \text{ lbs. wt.} = .14 \text{ lbs. wt.} \end{aligned}$$

Again, the force which would just be on the point of moving the screw upwards

$$\begin{aligned} &= 112 \times \frac{a}{b} \tan (\alpha + \lambda) = \frac{112}{12\pi} \times \frac{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5}}{1 - \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{5}} = \frac{112}{12\pi} \times \frac{9}{19} \\ &= 1\frac{85}{209} \text{ lbs. wt.} = 1.4067 \text{ lbs. wt.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the screw will be in equilibrium if the power lie between .14 and 1.4067 lbs. wt.

If the screw were smooth, the force required would

$$= 112 \frac{a}{b} \tan \alpha = \frac{112}{12\pi} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{49}{66} = .742 \text{ lbs. wt.}$$

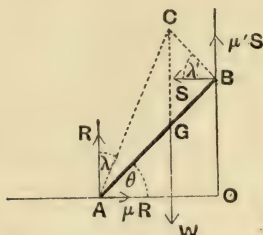
**Ex. 1.** The coefficient of friction of wrought iron on wood being .15, shew that the least angle of inclination of the thread of a screw, so that it may slide into a prepared hole in the wood under the influence of its own weight, is  $\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{20}$ .

**Ex. 2.** If the circumference of a screw be  $\frac{3}{2}$  inch, the coefficient of friction .15, the length of the power arm 12 inches, and if there be 3 threads to the inch, find the forces which will respectively just support, and just move, the screw when it supports a weight  $W$ . Find also the value of the power when the same screw is smooth.

$$\text{Ans. } \frac{W}{16\pi} (.07); \quad \frac{W}{16\pi} (.385); \quad \frac{W}{16\pi} (.2).$$

**190. Ex.** *A uniform ladder is in equilibrium, with one end resting on the ground, and the other end against a vertical wall; if the ground and wall be both rough, the coefficients of friction being  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$  respectively, and if the ladder be on the point of slipping at both ends, find the inclination of the ladder to the horizon.*

Let  $AB$  be the ladder, and  $G$  its centre of gravity; let  $R$  and  $S$  be the normal reactions at  $A$  and  $B$  respectively; the end  $A$  of the ladder



is on the point of slipping from the wall, and hence the friction  $\mu R$  is towards the wall; the end  $B$  is on the point of motion vertically downwards, and therefore the friction  $\mu' S$  acts upwards.

Let  $\theta$  be the inclination of the ladder to the ground, and  $2a$  its length.

Resolving horizontally and vertically, we have

$$\mu R = S \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

and

$$R + \mu' S = W \dots \dots \dots (2).$$

Also, taking moments about  $A$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} W \cdot a \cos \theta &= \mu' S \cdot 2a \cos \theta + S \cdot 2a \sin \theta, \\ \therefore W \cos \theta &= 2S (\mu' \cos \theta + \sin \theta) \dots \dots \dots (3). \end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (2), we have

$$\mu (W - \mu' S) = S$$

and

$$\therefore \mu W = S (1 + \mu \mu') \dots \dots \dots (4).$$

By (3) and (4), we have, by division,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cos \theta}{\mu} &= \frac{2 (\mu' \cos \theta + \sin \theta)}{1 + \mu \mu'}, \\ \therefore \cos \theta (1 - \mu \mu') &= 2 \mu \sin \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1 - \mu \mu'}{2 \mu}.$$



Otherwise thus ;

Let  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda'$  be the angles of friction at  $A$  and  $B$  ; draw  $AC$  making an angle  $\lambda$  with the normal at  $A$ , and  $BC$  making an angle  $\lambda'$  with the normal at  $B$ , as in the figure.

By Art. 182,  $AC$  and  $BC$  are the directions of the resultant reactions at  $A$  and  $B$ .

The ladder is kept in equilibrium by these resultant reactions and its weight ; hence their directions must meet in a point and therefore the vertical line through  $G$  must pass through  $C$ .

From the triangles  $AGC$  and  $GCB$  we have

$$\frac{AG}{GC} = \frac{\sin GCA}{\sin CAG} = \frac{\sin \lambda}{\cos (\lambda + \theta)},$$

and

$$\frac{BG}{GC} = \frac{\sin GCB}{\sin CBG} = \frac{\cos \lambda'}{\sin (\lambda' + \theta)}.$$

But

$$AG = BG; \text{ hence}$$

$$\frac{\sin \lambda}{\cos (\lambda + \theta)} = \frac{\cos \lambda'}{\sin (\lambda' + \theta)}.$$

$$\therefore \sin \lambda (\sin \lambda' \cos \theta + \cos \lambda' \sin \theta) = \cos \lambda' (\cos \lambda \cos \theta - \sin \lambda \sin \theta)$$

Hence, by dividing by  $\cos \lambda \cos \lambda' \cos \theta$ , we have

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1 - \tan \lambda \tan \lambda'}{2 \tan \lambda} = \frac{1 - \mu \mu'}{2 \mu}.$$

### EXAMPLES. XXX.

1. A uniform ladder, 13 feet long, rests with one end against a smooth vertical wall and the other on a rough horizontal plane at a point 5 feet from the wall ; find the friction between the ladder and the ground, if the weight of the ladder be 56 lbs.

2. A uniform ladder rests with one end on a horizontal floor and the other against a vertical wall, the coefficients of friction being respectively  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  ; find the inclination of the ladder when it is about to slip.

3. If in the last example the coefficient of friction in each case be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , shew that the ladder will slip when its inclination to the vertical is  $\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4}$ .

4. A uniform ladder rests in limiting equilibrium with one end on a rough floor, whose coefficient of friction is  $\mu$ , and with the other against a smooth vertical wall ; shew that its inclination to the vertical is  $\tan^{-1} (2\mu)$ .



cylinder is on the point of tumbling over. The vertical line through the centre of gravity  $G$  of the cylinder must just fall within the base.

Hence, if  $AB$  be the base, the line  $GA$  must be vertical.

Let  $C$  be the middle point of the base,  $r$  its radius, and let  $h$  be the height of the cylinder,

$$\therefore \tan \phi = \cot CAG = \frac{AC}{CG} = \frac{r}{\frac{1}{2}h} = \frac{2r}{h} \dots\dots\dots (1).$$

Also the inclination  $\theta$  of the plane to the horizon, when the cylinder is about to slide, is given by

$$\tan \theta = \mu \dots\dots\dots (2).$$

Hence the cylinder will topple before it slides if  $\phi$  be less than  $\theta$ ,

$$\text{i.e., if } \frac{2r}{h} \text{ be } < \mu.$$

### EXAMPLES. XXXI.

1. A cylinder rests with its circular base on a rough inclined plane, the coefficient of friction being  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Find the inclination of the plane and the relation between the height and diameter of the base of the cylinder, so that it may be on the point of sliding and also of toppling over.

2. A solid cylinder rests on a rough horizontal plane with one of its flat ends on the plane, and is acted on by a horizontal force through the centre of its upper end; if this force be just sufficient to move the solid, shew that it will slide, and not topple over, if the coefficient of friction be less than the ratio of the radius of the base of the cylinder to its height.

3. An equilateral triangle rests in a vertical plane with its base resting on a rough horizontal plane; a gradually increasing horizontal force acts on its vertex in the plane of the triangle; prove that the triangle will slide before it turns about the end of its base, if the coefficient of friction be less than  $\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{3}$ .

4. A conical sugarloaf, whose height is equal to twice the diameter of its base, stands on a table rough enough to prevent sliding; one end is gently raised till the sugarloaf is on the point of falling over; find the inclination of the plane to the horizon in this position.

5. A cone, of given vertical angle  $2\alpha$ , rests on a rough plane which is inclined to the horizon. As the inclination of the plane is increased, shew that the cone will slide, before it topples over, if the coefficient of friction be less than  $4 \tan \alpha$ .

6. A right cone is placed with its base on a rough inclined plane; if  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  be the coefficient of friction, find the angle of the cone when it is on the point of both slipping and turning over.

7. A cone rests on a rough table, and a cord fastened to the vertex of the cone passes over a smooth pulley at the same height as the top of the cone, and supports a weight. Shew that, if the weight be continually increased, the cone will turn over, or slide, according as the coefficient of friction is  $>$  or  $< \tan \alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  is the semi-vertical angle of the cone.

8. A cubical block rests on a rough inclined plane with its edges parallel to the edges of the plank. If, as the plank is gradually raised, the block turn on it before slipping, what is the least value that the coefficient of friction can have?

9. The triangular lamina  $ABC$ , right-angled at  $B$ , stands with  $BC$  upon a rough horizontal plane. If the plane be gradually tilted round an axis in its own plane perpendicular to  $BC$ , so that the angle  $B$  is lower than the angle  $C$ , shew that the lamina will begin to slide, or topple over, according as the coefficient of friction is less, or greater, than  $\tan A$ .

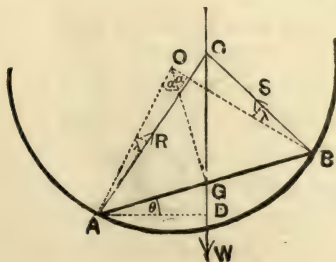
10. A square uniform metallic plate  $ABCD$  rests with its side  $BC$  on a perfectly rough plane inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\alpha$ . A string  $AP$  attached to  $A$ , the highest point of the plate, and passing over a smooth pulley at  $P$ , the vertex of the plane, supports a weight  $w$ , and  $AP$  is horizontal. If  $W$  be the weight of the plate, shew that, as  $w$  increases, it will begin to turn when

$$w > W \frac{1 + \tan \alpha}{2}.$$

192. **Ex.** A uniform rod rests in limiting equilibrium within a rough hollow sphere; if the rod subtend an angle  $2\alpha$  at the centre of the sphere, and if  $\lambda$  be the angle of friction, shew that the angle of inclination of the rod to the horizon is  $\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sin 2\lambda}{\cos 2\alpha + \cos 2\lambda} \right)$ .

Let  $AB$  be the rod,  $G$  its centre of gravity, and  $O$  the centre of the sphere, so that

$$\angle GOA = \angle GOB = \alpha.$$



Through  $A$  and  $B$  draw lines  $AC$  and  $BC$  making an angle  $\lambda$  with the lines joining  $A$  and  $B$  to the centre. By Art. 182, these are the directions of the resultant reactions,  $R$  and  $S$ , at  $A$  and  $B$  respectively.

Since these reactions and the weight keep the rod in equilibrium, the vertical line through  $G$  must pass through  $C$ .

Hence we have

$$\frac{\sin ACG}{\sin GAC} = \frac{AG}{GC} = \frac{BG}{GC} = \frac{\sin GCB}{\sin GBC} \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

Let  $AD$  be the horizontal line drawn through  $A$  to meet  $CG$  in  $D$ , so that the angle  $GAD$  is  $\theta$ .

Then

$$\angle ACG = 90^\circ - CAD = 90^\circ - (\theta + 90^\circ - \alpha - \lambda) = \alpha + \lambda - \theta;$$

also

$$\angle GAC = 90^\circ - \alpha - \lambda,$$

and

$$\angle GCB = \pi - CGB - CBG$$

$$= 180^\circ - (90^\circ - \theta) - (\lambda + 90^\circ - \alpha) = \alpha - \lambda + \theta,$$

and

$$\angle GBC = \lambda + 90^\circ - \alpha = 90^\circ - (\alpha - \lambda).$$

Hence equation (1) becomes

$$\frac{\sin (\alpha + \lambda - \theta)}{\cos (\alpha + \lambda)} = \frac{\sin (\alpha - \lambda + \theta)}{\cos (\alpha - \lambda)}.$$

$$\therefore \tan (\alpha + \lambda) - \tan \theta = \tan (\alpha - \lambda) + \tan \theta.$$

$$\therefore 2 \tan \theta = \tan (\alpha + \lambda) - \tan (\alpha - \lambda) \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$= \frac{\sin 2\lambda}{\cos (\alpha + \lambda) \cos (\alpha - \lambda)}.$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{\sin 2\lambda}{\cos 2\alpha + \cos 2\lambda}.$$

**Otherwise thus;** The solution may be also obtained by using the conditions of Art. 83.

Resolving the forces along the rod, we have

$$R \cos (90^\circ - \alpha - \lambda) - S \cos (90^\circ - \alpha + \lambda) = W \sin \theta,$$

$$\text{i.e. } R \sin (\alpha + \lambda) - S \sin (\alpha - \lambda) = W \sin \theta \dots \dots \dots (3).$$

Resolving perpendicular to the rod, we have

$$R \cos (\alpha + \lambda) + S \cos (\alpha - \lambda) = W \cos \theta \dots \dots \dots (4).$$

By taking moments about  $A$ , we have

$$S \cdot AB \sin (90^\circ - \alpha + \lambda) = W \cdot AG \cos \theta,$$

$$\text{i.e. } 2S \cos (\alpha - \lambda) = W \cos \theta \dots \dots \dots (5).$$



From equations (4) and (5), we have

$$R \cos (\alpha + \lambda) = S \cos (\alpha - \lambda) = \frac{1}{2} W \cos \theta.$$

Substituting these values of  $R$  and  $S$  in (3), we have

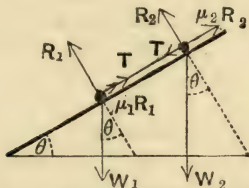
$$\tan (\alpha + \lambda) - \tan (\alpha - \lambda) = 2 \tan \theta,$$

which is equation (2).

*Numerical example.* If the rod subtend a right angle at the centre of the sphere, shew that its inclination to the horizon is twice the angle of friction.

**193. Ex.** Two bodies, of weights  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , are placed on an inclined plane and are connected by a light string which coincides with a line of greatest slope of the plane; if the coefficients of friction between the bodies and the plane be respectively  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ , find the inclination of the plane to the horizon when both bodies are on the point of motion, it being assumed that the smoother body is below the other.

Let  $\theta$  be the required inclination of the plane and  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  the



normal reactions of the bodies; also let  $T$  be the tension of the string.

The frictions  $\mu_1 R_1$  and  $\mu_2 R_2$  both act up the plane.

For the equilibrium of  $W_1$ , we have

$$W_1 \sin \theta = T + \mu_1 R_1,$$

and

$$W_1 \cos \theta = R_1.$$

$$\therefore T = W_1 (\sin \theta - \mu_1 \cos \theta) \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

For the equilibrium of  $W_2$ , we have

$$W_2 \sin \theta + T = \mu_2 R_2,$$

and

$$W_2 \cos \theta = R_2.$$

$$\therefore T = \mu_2 R_2 - W_2 \sin \theta = W_2 (\mu_2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta) \dots \dots (2).$$

Hence, from (1) and (2),

$$W_1 (\sin \theta - \mu_1 \cos \theta) = W_2 (\mu_2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta).$$

$$\therefore (W_1 + W_2) \sin \theta = (W_1 \mu_1 + W_2 \mu_2) \cos \theta.$$

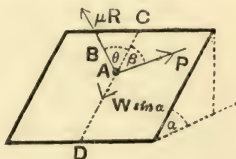
$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{W_1 \mu_1 + W_2 \mu_2}{W_1 + W_2}.$$

**Ex. 1.** Two equal bodies are placed on a rough inclined plane, being connected by a light string; if the coefficients of friction be respectively  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$ , shew that they will both be on the point of motion when the inclination of the plane is  $\tan^{-1} \frac{5}{12}$ .

**Ex. 2.** Shew that the greatest angle at which a plane may be inclined to the horizon so that three equal bodies, whose coefficients of friction are  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{5}{8}$ , and  $\frac{3}{8}$  respectively, when rigidly connected together, may rest on it without slipping, is  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$ .

**194. Ex.** A particle is placed on a rough plane, whose inclination to the horizon is  $\alpha$ , and is acted upon by a force  $P$  acting parallel to the plane and in a direction making an angle  $\beta$  with the line of greatest slope in the plane; if the coefficient of friction be  $\mu$  and the equilibrium be limiting, find the direction in which the body will begin to move.

Let  $W$  be the weight of the particle, and  $R$  the normal reaction.



The forces perpendicular to the inclined plane must vanish.

$$\therefore R = W \cos \alpha \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

The other component of the weight will be  $W \sin \alpha$ , acting down the line of greatest slope.

Let the friction,  $\mu R$ , act in the direction  $AB$ , making an angle  $\theta$  with the line of greatest slope, so that the particle would begin to move in the direction  $BA$  produced.

Since the forces acting along the surface of the plane are in equilibrium, we have, by Lami's Theorem,

$$\frac{\mu R}{\sin \beta} = \frac{W \sin \alpha}{\sin (\theta + \beta)} = \frac{P}{\sin \theta} \dots \dots \dots (2).$$

From (1) and (2), eliminating  $R$  and  $W$ , we have

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{R}{W} = \frac{\sin \alpha \sin \beta}{\mu \sin (\theta + \beta)}.$$

Hence

$$\sin (\theta + \beta) = \frac{\tan \alpha \sin \beta}{\mu} \dots \dots \dots (3),$$

giving the angle  $\theta$ .

*Numerical Example.* Suppose the inclination of the plane to be  $30^\circ$ , the coefficient of friction to be  $\frac{1}{3}$ , and the angle between the force  $P$  and the line of greatest slope to be  $30^\circ$ .

In this case we have

$$\sin(\theta + 30^\circ) = \frac{\tan 30^\circ \cdot \sin 30^\circ}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sin 60^\circ.$$

Hence  $\theta$  is  $30^\circ$ , and the body begins to slide down the plane in a direction making an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the line of greatest slope.

The force  $P$  could be easily shewn to be  $\frac{W}{\sqrt{12}}$ .

### \*\*EXAMPLES. XXXII.

1. A ladder, whose centre of gravity divides it into two portions of length  $a$  and  $b$ , rests with one end on a rough horizontal floor, and the other end against a rough vertical wall. If the coefficients of friction at the floor and wall be respectively  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$ , shew that the inclination of the ladder to the floor, when the equilibrium is limiting,

is  $\tan^{-1} \frac{a - b\mu\mu'}{\mu(a+b)}.$

2. A weightless rod is supported horizontally between two rough inclined planes at right angles to each other, the angle of friction  $\lambda$  being less than the inclination of either plane. Shew that the length of that portion of the rod on which a weight may be placed without producing motion is  $\sin 2\alpha \cdot \sin 2\lambda$  of the whole length of the rod, where  $\alpha$  is the inclination of either plane to the horizon.

3. A heavy uniform rod is placed over one and under the other of two horizontal pegs, so that the rod lies in a vertical plane; shew that the length of the shortest rod which will rest in such a position is

$$a(1 + \tan \alpha \cot \lambda),$$

where  $a$  is the distance between the pegs,  $\alpha$  is the angle of inclination to the horizon of the line joining them, and  $\lambda$  is the angle of friction.

4. A uniform heavy rod, 1 foot long, one end of which is rough and the other smooth, rests within a circular hoop in a vertical plane, the radius of the hoop being 10 inches. If the rod is in limiting equilibrium when its rough end is at the lowest point of the hoop, shew that the coefficient of friction is  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

5. A heavy uniform rod rests with its extremities on a rough circular hoop, fixed in a vertical plane; the rod subtends an angle of  $120^\circ$  at the centre of the hoop, and in the limiting position of equilibrium is inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\theta$ . If  $\sqrt{3}\mu = \tan \alpha$ ,  $\mu$  being the coefficient of friction, shew that

$$\tan \theta : \tan 2\alpha :: 2 : \sqrt{3}.$$

6.  $A$  and  $B$  are two small equal heavy rings which slide on a rough horizontal rod, the coefficient of friction being  $3-\frac{1}{2}$ . Another equal heavy ring  $C$  slides on a weightless smooth string connecting  $A$  and  $B$ ; shew that, in the position of limiting equilibrium,  $ABC$  is an equilateral triangle.

7. One end of a heavy uniform rod  $AB$  can slide along a rough horizontal rod  $AC$ , to which it is attached by a ring;  $B$  and  $C$  are joined by a string. If  $ABC$  be a right angle when the rod is on the point of sliding,  $\mu$  the coefficient of friction, and  $\alpha$  the angle between  $AB$  and the vertical, shew that

$$\mu = \frac{\tan \alpha}{\tan^2 \alpha + 2}.$$

8. A uniform rod slides with its ends on two fixed equally rough rods, one being vertical and the other inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon. Shew that the inclination  $\theta$  to the horizon of the movable rod, when it is on the point of sliding, is given by

$$\tan \theta = \frac{1 - 2\mu \tan \alpha - \mu^2}{2(\mu + \tan \alpha)}.$$

9. A uniform ladder, whose length is  $a$  and whose weight is  $W$ , makes an angle  $\theta$  with the horizontal, and rests with one end against a vertical wall and the other upon a horizontal floor, the wall and floor being equally rough, and the coefficient of friction being  $\tan \lambda$ . Shew that a man, whose weight is  $P$ , can never get nearer to the top of the ladder than  $\frac{W \cot 2\lambda + P \cot \lambda - (W + P) \tan \theta}{2P} a \sin 2\lambda$ .

10. The poles supporting a lawn-tennis net are kept in a vertical position by guy ropes, one to each pole, which pass round pegs 2 feet distant from the poles. If the coefficient of limiting friction between the ropes and pegs be  $\frac{1}{3}$ , shew that the inclination of the latter to the vertical must not be less than  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{11}$ , the height of the poles being 4 feet.

11. A chest in the form of a rectangular parallelepiped, whose weight without the lid is 200 lbs., and width from back to front 1 foot, has a lid weighing 50 lbs. and stands with its back 6 inches from a smooth wall and parallel to it. If the lid be open and lean against the wall, find the least coefficient of friction between the chest and the ground that there may be no motion.

12. A heavy circular disc, whose plane is vertical, is kept at rest on a rough inclined plane by a string parallel to the plane and touching the circle. Shew that the disc will slip on the plane if the coefficient of friction be less than  $\frac{1}{2} \tan i$ , where  $i$  is the slope of the plane.

13. A particle resting on a rough table, whose coefficient of friction is  $\mu$ , is fastened by a string, of length  $a$ , to a fixed point  $A$  on



the table. Another string is fastened to the particle and, after passing over the smooth edge of the table, supports an equal particle hanging freely. Shew that the particle on the table will rest at any point  $P$  of the circle, whose centre is  $A$  and whose radius is  $a$ , which is such that the string  $AP$  is kept taut and the distance of the second string from  $A$  is not greater than  $\mu a$ .

14. A heavy rod, of length  $2a$ , lies over a rough peg with one extremity leaning against a rough vertical wall; if  $c$  be the distance of the peg from the wall and  $\lambda$  be the angle of friction both at the peg and the wall, shew that, when the point of contact of the rod with the wall is above the peg, then the rod is on the point of sliding downwards when

$$\sin^3 \theta = \frac{c}{a} \cos^2 \lambda,$$

where  $\theta$  is the inclination of the rod to the wall. If the point of contact of the rod and wall be below the peg, prove that the rod is on the point of slipping downwards when

$$\sin^2 \theta \sin (\theta + 2\lambda) = \frac{c}{a} \cos^2 \lambda,$$

and on the point of slipping upwards when

$$\sin^2 \theta \sin (\theta - 2\lambda) = \frac{c}{a} \cos^2 \lambda.$$

15. A circular disc, of radius  $a$  and weight  $W$ , is placed within a smooth sphere, of radius  $b$ , and a particle, of weight  $w$ , is placed on the disc. If the coefficient of friction between the particle and the disc be  $\mu$ , find the greatest distance from the centre of the disc at which the particle can rest.

16. A smooth sphere, of given weight  $W$ , rests between a vertical wall and a prism, one of whose faces rests on a horizontal plane; if the coefficient of friction between the horizontal plane and the prism be  $\mu$ , shew that the least weight of the prism consistent with equilibrium is  $W \left( \frac{\tan \alpha}{\mu} - 1 \right)$ , where  $\alpha$  is the inclination to the horizon of the face in contact with the sphere.

17. Two equal rods, of length  $2a$ , are fastened together so as to form two sides of a square, and one of them rests on a rough peg. Shew that the limiting distances of the points of contact from the middle point of the rod are  $\frac{a}{2} (1 \pm \mu)$ , where  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction.

18. Two uniform rods,  $AC$  and  $BC$ , are rigidly joined at  $C$  so that they form one uniform bent rod, whose two portions are at right angles. This bent rod is supported on the edge of a rough table which touches  $AC$  at its middle point. If  $BC$  be three times  $AC$ , shew that the tangent of the inclination of  $AC$  to the horizon is  $\frac{1}{3}$ .



Find also the least value of the coefficient of friction that the rod may rest with the point  $A$  on the edge of the table.

19. A heavy string rests on two given inclined planes, of the same material, passing over a small pulley at their common vertex. If the string be on the point of motion, shew that the line joining its two ends is inclined to the horizon at the angle of friction.

20. On a rough inclined plane ( $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ ) a weight  $W$  is just supported by a force  $\frac{W}{2}$  acting up the plane and parallel to it. Find the magnitude and direction of the least additional force, acting along the plane, which will prevent motion when the force  $\frac{W}{2}$  acts along the plane, but at  $60^\circ$  with the line of greatest slope.

21. A weight  $W$  is laid upon a rough plane ( $\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ ), inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the horizon, and is connected by a string passing through a smooth ring,  $A$ , at the top of the plane, with a weight  $P$  hanging vertically. If  $W = 3P$ , shew that, if  $\theta$  be the greatest possible inclination of the string  $AW$  to the line of greatest slope in the plane, then

$$\cos \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}.$$

Find also the direction in which  $W$  would commence to move.

22. A weight  $W$  rests on a rough inclined plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon, and the coefficient of friction is  $2 \tan \alpha$ . Shew that the least horizontal force along the plane which will move the body is  $\sqrt{3} W \sin \alpha$ , and that the body will begin to move in a direction inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the line of greatest slope on the plane.

23. If two equal weights, unequally rough, be connected by a light rigid rod and be placed on an inclined plane whose inclination,  $\alpha$ , to the horizon is the angle whose tangent is the geometric mean between the coefficients of friction, shew that the greatest possible inclination to the line of greatest slope which the rod can make when at rest is  $\cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\mu_1 + \mu_2}{2\sqrt{2\mu_1\mu_2}} \right)$ , where  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are the coefficients of friction.

24. A heavy particle is placed on a rough plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon, and is connected by a stretched weightless string  $AP$  to a fixed point  $A$  in the plane. If  $AB$  be the line of greatest slope and  $\theta$  the angle  $PAB$  when the particle is on the point of slipping, shew that  $\sin \theta = \mu \cot \alpha$ .

Interpret the result when  $\mu \cot \alpha$  is greater than unity.

25. A hemispherical shell rests on a rough plane, whose angle of friction is  $\lambda$ ; shew that the inclination of the plane base of the rim to the horizon cannot be greater than  $\sin^{-1} (2 \sin \lambda)$ .

26. A solid homogeneous hemisphere rests on a rough horizontal plane and against a smooth vertical wall. Shew that, if the coefficient of friction be greater than  $\frac{3}{8}$ , the hemisphere can rest in any position and, if it be less, the least angle that the base of the hemisphere can make with the vertical is  $\cos^{-1} \frac{8\mu}{3}$ .

27. A heavy homogeneous hemisphere rests with its convex surface in contact with a rough inclined plane; shew that the greatest possible inclination of the plane to the horizon is  $\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{8}$ .

28. If a hemisphere rest in equilibrium with its curved surface in contact with a rough plane inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{8}$ , find the inclination of the plane base of the hemisphere to the vertical.

29. A uniform hemisphere, of radius  $a$  and weight  $W$ , rests with its spherical surface on a horizontal plane, and a rough particle, of weight  $W'$ , rests on the plane surface; shew that the distance of the particle from the centre of the plane face is not greater than  $\frac{3W\mu a}{8W'}$ , where  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction.

30. A sphere, whose radius is  $a$  and whose centre of gravity is at a distance  $c$  from the centre, rests in limiting equilibrium on a rough plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon; shew that it may be turned through an angle

$$2 \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{a \sin \alpha}{c} \right),$$

and still be in limiting equilibrium.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### WORK.

**195. Work. Def.** A force is said to do work when its point of application moves in the direction of the force.

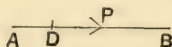
The force exerted by a horse, in dragging a waggon, does work.

The force exerted by a man, in raising a weight, does work.

The pressure of the steam, in moving the piston of an engine, does work.

The measure of the work done by a force is the product of the force and the distance through which it moves its point of application in the direction of the force.

Suppose that a force acting at a point  $A$  of a body



moves the point  $A$  to  $D$ , then the work done by  $P$  is measured by the product of  $P$  and  $AD$ .

If the point  $D$  be on the side of  $A$  toward which the force acts, this work is positive; if  $D$  lie on the opposite side, the work is negative.

Next, suppose that the point of application of the force is moved to a point  $C$ , which does not lie on the line  $AB$ . Draw  $CD$  perpendicular to  $AB$ , or  $AB$  produced. Then  $AD$  is the distance through which the point of application is moved in the direction of the force. Hence in the first

figure the work done is  $P \times AD$ ; in the second figure the



work done is  $-P \times AD$ . When the work done by the force is negative, this is sometimes expressed by saying that the force has work done against it.

**196.** In the case when  $AC$  is at right angles to  $AB$ , the points  $A$  and  $D$  coincide, and the work done by the force  $P$  vanishes.

As an example, if a body be moved about on a horizontal table the work done by its weight is zero. So, again, if a body be moved on an inclined plane, no work is done by the normal reaction of the plane.

**197.** The unit of work, used in Statics, is called a Foot-Pound, and is the work done by a force, equal to the weight of a pound, when it moves its point of application through one foot in its own direction. A better, though more clumsy, term than "Foot-Pound" would be Foot-Pound weight.

Thus, the work done by the weight of a body of 10 pounds, whilst the body falls through a distance of 4 feet, is  $10 \times 4$  foot-pounds.

The work done by the weight of the body, if it were raised through a vertical distance of 4 feet, would be  $-10 \times 4$  foot-pounds.

**198.** It will be noticed that the definition of work, given in Art. 195, necessarily implies motion. A man may use great exertion in *attempting* to move a body, and yet do no work on the body.

For example, suppose a man pulls at the shafts of a heavily-loaded van, which he cannot move. He may pull

to the utmost of his power, but, since the force which he exerts does not move its point of application, he does no work (in the technical sense of the word).

**199.** *To find the work done in dragging a body up a smooth inclined plane.*

Taking the figure of Art. 151, Case I., the work done by the force  $P$  in dragging the body from  $A$  to  $C$  is

$$P \times AC.$$

But

$$P = W \sin \alpha.$$

Therefore the work done is  $W \sin \alpha \times AC$ ,

$$\text{i.e., } W \times AC \sin \alpha, \text{ i.e., } W \times BC.$$

Hence the work done is the same as that which would be done in lifting the weight of the body through the same height without the intervention of the inclined plane.

**200.** The previous article is one of the simplest examples of what we shall find to be a universal principle, viz., *Whatever be the machine we use, provided that there be no friction and that the weight of the machine be neglected, the work done by the power is always equivalent to the work done against the weight.*

Assuming that the machine we are using gives mechanical advantage, so that the power is less than the weight, the distance moved through by the power is therefore greater than the distance moved through by the weight in the same proportion. This is sometimes expressed in popular language in the form ; *What is gained in power is lost in speed.*

**201.** *To find the work done in dragging a body up a rough inclined plane.*

From Art. 187, Case II., we know that the force  $P_1$  which would just move the body up the plane is

$$W (\sin \alpha + \mu \cos \alpha).$$



Hence the work done in dragging it from  $A$  to  $C$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= P_1 \times AC \\
 &= W (\sin \alpha + \mu \cos \alpha) \cdot AC \\
 &= W \cdot AC \sin \alpha + \mu W \cdot AC \cos \alpha \\
 &= W \cdot BC + \mu W \cdot AB \\
 &= \text{work done in dragging the body through the same} \\
 &\quad \text{vertical height without the intervention of the plane} \\
 &+ \text{the work done in dragging it along a horizontal distance} \\
 &\quad \text{equal to the base of the inclined plane and of the same} \\
 &\quad \text{roughness as the plane.}
 \end{aligned}$$

**202.** From the preceding article we see that, if our inclined plane be rough, the work done by the power is more than the work done against the weight. This is again true for any machine; the principle may be expressed thus,

*In any machine, the work done by the power is equal to the work done against the weight, together with the work done against the frictional resistances of the machine, and the work done against the weights of the component parts of the machine.*

The ratio of the work done on the weight to the work done by the power is, for any machine, called the modulus or efficiency of the machine. We can never get rid entirely of frictional resistances, or make our machine without weight, so that some work must always be lost through these two causes. Hence the modulus of the machine can never be so great as unity. The more nearly the modulus approaches to unity, the better is the machine.

There is no machine by whose use we can create work, and in practice, however smooth and perfect the machine may be, we always lose work. The only use of any machine is to multiply the force we apply, whilst at the same time

the distance through which the force works is more than proportionately lessened.

**203.** The student can verify the truth of the principle, enunciated in Art. 200, for all machines; we shall consider only a few cases.

*First system of pulleys (Art. 144).*

Neglecting the weights of the pulleys we have, if there be four pulleys,

$$P = \frac{1}{2^4} W.$$

If the weight  $W$  be raised through a distance  $x$ , the pulley  $A_2$  would, if the distance  $A_1A_2$  remained unchanged, rise a distance  $x$ ; but, at the same time, the length of the string joining  $A_1$  to the beam is shortened by  $x$ , and a portion  $x$  of the string therefore slips round  $A_1$ ; hence, altogether, the pulley  $A_2$  rises through a distance  $2x$ .

Similarly, the pulley  $A_3$  rises a distance  $4x$ , and the pulley  $A_4$  a distance  $8x$ .

Since  $A_4$  rises a distance  $8x$ , the strings joining it to the beam and to the point at which  $P$  is applied both shorten by  $8x$ .

Hence, since the slack string runs round the pulley  $A_4$ , the point of application of  $P$  rises through  $16x$ .

Hence

$$\frac{\text{work done by the power}}{\text{work done against the weight}} = \frac{P \cdot 16x}{W \cdot x} = \frac{\frac{1}{2^4} W \cdot 16x}{W \cdot x} = \frac{W \cdot x}{W \cdot x} = 1.$$

Hence the principle is verified.

Taking the weights of the pulleys into account, and taking the case of four pulleys, we have, by Art. 144, Case II.,

$$P = \frac{W}{2^4} + \frac{w_1}{2^4} + \frac{w_2}{2^3} + \frac{w_3}{2^2} + \frac{w_4}{2}.$$

As before, if  $A_1$  ascend a distance  $x$ , the other pulleys ascend distances  $2x$ ,  $4x$ , and  $8x$ , respectively. Hence the work done on the weight and the weights of the pulleys

$$= W \cdot x + w_1 \cdot x + w_2 \cdot 2x + w_3 \cdot 4x + w_4 \cdot 8x$$

$$= 16x \left[ \frac{W}{2^4} + \frac{w_1}{2^4} + \frac{w_2}{2^3} + \frac{w_3}{2^2} + \frac{w_4}{2} \right]$$

$$= 16x \times P = \text{work done by the power.}$$

A similar method of proof would apply, whatever be the number of pulleys.

**204.** *Third system of pulleys* (Art. 146).

Suppose the weight  $W$  to ascend through a space  $x$ . The string joining  $B$  to the bar shortens by  $x$ , and hence the pulley  $A_3$  descends a distance  $x$ . Since the pulley  $A_3$  descends  $x$  and the bar rises  $x$ , the string joining  $A_3$  to the bar shortens by  $2x$ , and this portion slides over  $A_3$ ; hence the pulley  $A_2$  descends a distance equal to  $2x$  together with the distance through which  $A_3$  descends, *i.e.*,  $A_2$  descends a distance  $2x + x$ , or  $3x$ . Hence the string  $A_2F$  shortens by  $4x$ , which slips over the pulley  $A_2$ , so that the pulley  $A_1$  descends a distance  $4x$  together with the distance through which  $A_2$  descends, *i.e.*,  $4x + 3x$ , or  $7x$ . Hence the string  $A_1G$  shortens by  $8x$ , and  $A_1$  itself descends  $7x$ , so that the point of application of  $P$  descends  $15x$ .

Neglecting the weight of the pulleys, the work done by  $P$  therefore

$$= 15x \cdot P = x(2^4 - 1)P = x \cdot W \text{ by equation (1), Art. 146,}$$

$$= \text{work done on the weight } W.$$

Taking the weights of the pulleys into account, the work done by the power and the weights of the pulleys [which in this case assist the power]

$$\begin{aligned} &= P \cdot 15x + w_1 \cdot 7x + w_2 \cdot 3x + w_3 \cdot x \\ &= x[P(2^4 - 1) + w_1(2^3 - 1) + w_2(2^2 - 1) + w_3] \\ &= x \cdot W \text{ by equation (3), Art. 146,} \\ &= \text{work done on the weight } W. \end{aligned}$$

**205.** *Smooth inclined plane* (Art. 151, Case III.).

Let the body move a distance  $x$  along the plane; the distance through which the point of application of  $P$  moves, measured along its direction of application, is clearly  $x \cos \theta$ ; also the vertical distance through which the weight moves is  $x \sin \alpha$ .

Hence the work done by the power is  $P \cdot x \cos \theta$ , and that done against the weight is  $W \cdot x \sin \alpha$ . These are equal by the relation proved in Art. 151.

**206.** *Wheel and axle* (Art. 153).

Let the machine turn through an angle  $\theta$ . A portion of string whose length is  $b \cdot \theta$  becomes unwound from the wheel, and hence  $P$  descends through this distance. At the same time a portion equal to  $a \cdot \theta$  becomes wound upon the axle, so that  $W$  rises through this distance. The work done by  $P$  is therefore  $P \times b\theta$  and that done against  $W$  is  $W \times a\theta$ .

These are equal by the relation of Art. 154.

**207.** *The Smooth Screw* (Art. 172).

For each revolution made by the power arm the screw rises through a distance equal to the distance between two consecutive threads.

Hence, during each revolution, the work done by the power is  $P \times$  circumference of the circle described by the end of the power-arm, and that done against the weight is

$$W \times \text{distance between two consecutive threads.}$$

These are equal by the relation proved in Art. 172.

**208. Theorem.** *To shew that the work done in raising a number of particles from one position to another is  $Wh$ , where  $W$  is the total weight of the particles, and  $h$  is the distance through which the centre of gravity of the particles has been raised.*

Let  $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots w_n$  be the weights of the particles; in the initial position let  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots x_n$  be their heights above a horizontal plane, and  $\bar{x}$  that of their centre of gravity, so that, as in Art. 111, we have

$$\bar{x} = \frac{w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + \dots + w_nx_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n} \dots\dots\dots (1).$$

In the final position let  $x'_1, x'_2, \dots x'_n$  be the heights of the different particles, and  $\bar{x}'$  the height of the new centre of gravity, so that

$$\bar{x}' = \frac{w_1x'_1 + w_2x'_2 + \dots + w_nx'_n}{w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_n} \dots\dots\dots (2).$$

But, since  $w_1 + w_2 + \dots = W$ , equations (1) and (2) give

$$w_1x_1 + w_2x_2 + \dots = W \cdot \bar{x},$$

and

$$w_1x'_1 + w_2x'_2 + \dots = W \cdot \bar{x}'.$$

By subtraction we have

$$w_1(x'_1 - x_1) + w_2(x'_2 - x_2) + \dots = W(\bar{x}' - \bar{x}).$$

But the left-hand member of this equation gives the total work done in raising the different particles of the system from their initial position to their final position; also the right-hand side.

$= W \times \text{height through which the centre of gravity has been raised}$

$= W \cdot h.$

Hence the proposition is proved.

**209. Power. Def.** *The power of an agent is the amount of work that would be done by the agent if working uniformly for the unit of time.*

The unit of power used by engineers is called a **Horse-Power**. An agent is said to be working with one horse-power when it performs 33,000 foot-pounds in a minute, *i.e.*, when it would raise 33,000 lbs. through a foot in a minute, or when it would raise 330 lbs. through 100 feet in a minute, or 33 lbs. through 1000 feet in a minute.

This estimate of the power of a horse was made by Watt, but is rather above the capacity of ordinary horses. The word Horse-power is usually abbreviated into H.P.

**210. Ex.** *A well, of which the section is a square whose side is 4 feet, and whose depth is 300 feet, is full of water; find the work done, in foot-pounds, in pumping the water to the level of the top of the well.*

*Find also the H. P. of the engine which would just accomplish this work in one hour.*

[N.B. A cubic foot of water weighs 1000 ounces.]

Initially the height of the centre of gravity of the water above the bottom of the well was 150 feet and finally it is 300 feet, so that the height through which the centre of gravity has been raised is 150 feet.

The volume of the water  $= 4 \times 4 \times 300$  cubic feet.

Therefore its weight  $= 4 \times 4 \times 300 \times 1\frac{25}{8}$  lbs.  $= 300,000$  lbs.

Hence the work done  $= 300,000 \times 150$  ft.-lbs.  $= 45,000,000$  ft.-lbs.

Let  $x$  be the required H. P. Then the work done by the engine in one hour

$$= x \times 60 \times 33,000.$$

Hence we have  $x \times 60 \times 33,000 = 45,000,000$ ;

$$\therefore x = 22\frac{3}{4}.$$



## EXAMPLES. XXXIII.

1. How much work is done in drawing a load of 6 cwt. up a rough inclined plane, whose height is 3 feet and base 20 feet, the coefficient of friction being  $\frac{1}{8}$ ?

2. A weight of 10 tons is dragged in half an hour through a length of 330 feet up an inclined plane, of inclination  $30^\circ$ , the coefficient of friction being  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ ; find the work expended and the H. P. of the engine which could do the work.

3. How many cubic feet of water will an engine of 100 H. P. raise in one hour from a depth of 150 feet?

4. A tank, 24 feet long, 12 feet broad, and 16 feet deep, is filled by water from a well the surface of which is always 80 feet below the top of the tank; find the work done in filling the tank, and the H. P. of an engine, whose modulus is  $\cdot 5$ , that will fill the tank in 4 hours.

5. A chain, whose mass is 8 lbs. per foot, is wound up from a shaft by the expenditure of four millions units of work; find the length of the chain.

6. In how many hours would an engine of 18 H. P. empty a vertical shaft full of water if the diameter of the shaft be 9 feet, and the depth 420 feet?

7. Find the H. P. of an engine that would empty a cylindrical shaft full of water in 32 hours, if the diameter of the shaft be 8 feet and its depth 600 feet.

8. A tower is to be built of brickwork, the base being a rectangle whose external measurements are 22 ft. by 9 ft., the height of the tower 66 feet, and the walls two feet thick; find the number of hours in which an engine of 3 H. P. would raise the bricks from the ground, the weight of a cubic foot of brickwork being 112 lbs.

9. At the bottom of a coal mine, 275 feet deep, there is an iron cage containing coal weighing 14 cwt., the cage itself weighing 4 cwt. 109 lbs., and the wire rope that raises it 6 lbs. per yard. Find the work done when the load has been lifted to the surface, and the H. P. of the engine that can do this work in 40 seconds.

10. The diameter of the circular piston of a steam engine is 60 inches and it makes 11 strokes per minute, the length of each stroke being 8 feet, the mean pressure per square inch on the piston being 15 lbs., and the modulus of the engine  $\cdot 65$ . Find the number of cubic feet of water that it will raise per hour from a well whose depth is 300 feet, on the supposition that no work is wasted.

11. In a wheel and axle, if the radius of the wheel be six times that of the axle, and if by means of a power equal to 5 lbs. wt. a body be lifted through 50 feet, find the amount of work expended.

12. A capstan, of diameter 20 inches, is worked by means of a lever, which measures 5 feet from the axis of the capstan. Find the work done in drawing up by a rope a body, of weight one ton, over 35 feet of the surface of a smooth plane inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\cos^{-1} \frac{4}{5}$ . Find also the force applied to the end of the lever, and the distance through which the point of application moves.

13. A block, of weight one ton, is in the form of a rectangular parallelopiped, 8 feet high, standing on a square base whose side is 6 feet. It is placed on a rough weightless board with the sides of its base parallel to the length and breadth of the board, and the centre of the base is distant 6 feet from one extremity of the board. The board is now tilted round this extremity until the block topples without sliding; find the work done.

14. If the axis of a screw be vertical and the distance between the threads 2 inches, and a door, of weight 100 lbs., be attached to the screw as to a hinge, find the work done in turning the door through a right angle.

## CHAPTER XIV.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### **211. Bodies connected by smooth hinges.**

When two bodies are hinged together, it usually happens that, either a rounded end of one body fits loosely into a prepared hollow in the other body, or that a round pin, or other separate fastening, passes through a hole in each body.

In either case, if the bodies be smooth, the action on each body at the hinge consists of a single force. Also the action of the hinge on the one body is equal and opposite to the action of the hinge on the other body; for forces, equal and opposite to these actions, keep the pin, or fastening, in equilibrium, since its weight is negligible.

In solving questions concerning hinges, the direction and magnitude of the action at the hinge are usually both unknown.

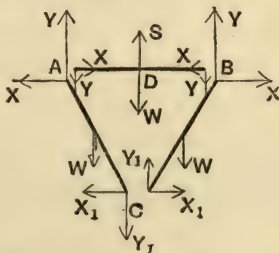
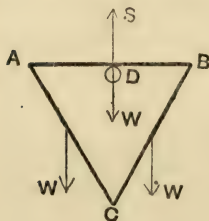
Hence it is generally most convenient to assume the action of the hinge on one body to consist of two unknown components at right angles to one another; the action of the hinge on the other body will then consist of components equal and opposite to these.

The forces acting on each body, together with the actions of the hinge on it, are in equilibrium, and the general conditions of equilibrium of Art. 83 will now apply.

In order to avoid mistakes as to the components of the reaction acting on each body, it is convenient, as in the second figure of the following example, not to produce the beams to meet but to leave a space between them.

**212. Ex.** *Three equal uniform rods, each of weight  $W$ , are smoothly jointed so as to form an equilateral triangle. If the system be supported at the middle point of one of the rods, shew that the action at the lowest angle is  $\frac{W}{2\sqrt{3}}$ , and that at each of the others is  $W\sqrt{\frac{13}{12}}$ .*

Let  $ABC$  be the triangle formed by the rods, and  $D$  the middle point of the side  $AB$  at which the system is supported.



Let the action of the hinge at  $A$  on the rod  $AB$  consist of two components, respectively equal to  $Y$  and  $X$ , acting in vertical and horizontal directions; hence the action of the hinge on  $AC$  consists of components equal and opposite to these.

Since the whole system is symmetrical about the vertical line through  $D$ , the action at  $B$  will consist of components, also equal to  $Y$  and  $X$ , as in the figure.

Let the action of the hinge  $C$  on  $CB$  consist of  $Y_1$  vertically upwards, and  $X_1$  horizontally to the right, so that the action of the same hinge on  $CA$  consists of two components opposite to these, as in the figure.

For  $AB$ , resolving vertically, we have

$$S = W + 2Y \dots\dots\dots(1),$$

where  $S$  is the vertical reaction of the peg at  $D$ .

For  $CB$ , resolving horizontally and vertically, and taking moments about  $C$ , we have

$$X + X_1 = 0 \dots\dots\dots(2),$$

$$W = Y + Y_1 \dots\dots\dots(3),$$

$$W \cdot a \cos 60^\circ + X \cdot 2a \sin 60^\circ = Y \cdot 2a \cos 60^\circ \dots\dots\dots(4).$$

For  $CA$ , by resolving vertically, we have

$$W = Y - Y_1 \dots\dots\dots(5).$$

From equations (3) and (5) we have

$$Y_1 = 0, \text{ and } Y = W.$$

Hence equation (4) is

$$X = \frac{1}{2}W \cot 60^\circ = \frac{W}{2\sqrt{3}}.$$

Therefore from (2)  $X_1 = -\frac{W}{2\sqrt{3}}.$

Also (1) gives  $S = 3W.$

Hence the action of the hinge at  $B$  consists of a force  $\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$  (*i.e.*  $W\sqrt{\frac{13}{12}}$ ), acting at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{Y}{X}$  (*i.e.*  $\tan^{-1} 2\sqrt{3}$ ), to the horizon; also the action of the hinge at  $C$  consists of a horizontal force equal to  $\frac{W}{\sqrt{12}}.$

*A priori* reasoning would have shewn us that the action of the hinge at  $C$  must be horizontal; for the whole system is symmetrical about the line  $CD$ , and, unless the component  $Y_1$  vanished, the reaction at  $C$  would not satisfy the condition of symmetry.

### EXAMPLES. XXXIV.

1. Two equal uniform beams,  $AB$  and  $BC$ , are freely jointed at  $B$  and  $A$  is fixed to a hinge at a point in a wall about which  $AB$  can turn freely in a vertical plane. At what point in  $BC$  must a vertical force be applied to keep the two beams in one horizontal line, and what is the magnitude of the force?

2. Two uniform beams,  $AC$  and  $CB$ , are smoothly hinged together at  $C$ , and have their ends attached at two points,  $A$  and  $B$ , in the same horizontal line. If they be made of the same material and be of total weight 60 lbs., and if each be inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the horizon, shew that the action of the hinge at the point  $C$  is a horizontal force of  $5\sqrt{3}$  lbs. weight.



3. A pair of compasses, each of whose legs is a uniform bar of weight  $W$ , is supported, hinge downwards, by two smooth pegs placed at the middle points of the legs in the same horizontal line, the legs being kept apart at an angle  $2\alpha$  with one another by a weightless rod joining their extremities; shew that the thrust in this rod and that the action at the hinge are each  $\frac{1}{2}W \cot \alpha$ .

4. Two equal uniform rods,  $AB$  and  $AC$ , each of weight  $W$ , are smoothly jointed at  $A$  and placed in a vertical plane with the ends  $B$  and  $C$  resting on a smooth table. Equilibrium is preserved by a string which attaches  $C$  to the middle point of  $AB$ . Shew that the tension of the string and the reaction of the rods at  $A$  are both equal to

$$\frac{W}{4} \operatorname{cosec} \alpha \sqrt{1 + 8 \cos^2 \alpha},$$

and that both are inclined at an angle  $\tan^{-1} (\frac{1}{3} \tan \alpha)$  to the horizon, where  $\alpha$  is the inclination of either rod to the horizon.

5. Two equal beams,  $AC$  and  $BC$ , freely jointed together at  $C$ , stand with their ends,  $A$  and  $B$ , in contact with a rough horizontal plane, and with the plane  $ACB$  vertical. If the coefficient of friction be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , shew that the angle  $ACB$  cannot be greater than a right angle, and find the thrust at  $C$  in any position of equilibrium.

6. Three uniform heavy rods,  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $CA$ , of lengths 5, 4, and 3 feet respectively, are hinged together at their extremities to form a triangle. Shew that the whole will balance, with  $AB$  horizontal, about a fulcrum which is distant  $1\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch from the middle point towards  $A$ .

Prove also that the vertical components of the actions at the hinges  $A$  and  $B$ , when the rod is balanced, are  $\frac{187}{600}W$  and  $\frac{163}{600}W$  respectively, where  $W$  is the total weight of the rods.

7. Two equal rods,  $AB$  and  $BC$ , are jointed at  $B$ , and have their middle points connected by an inelastic string of such a length that, when it is straightened, the angle  $ABC$  is a right angle; if the system be suspended by a string attached to the point  $A$ , shew that the inclination of  $AB$  to the vertical will be  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$ , and find the tension of the string and the action at the hinge.

8. Two equal bars,  $AB$  and  $BC$ , each 1 foot long and each of weight  $W$ , are jointed together at  $B$  and suspended by strings  $OA$ ,  $OB$ , and  $OC$ , each 1 foot long, from a fixed peg  $O$ ; find the tensions of the three strings and the magnitude of the action at the hinge, the strings and bars being all in one plane.

9. Three uniform beams  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $CD$ , of the same thickness, and of lengths  $l$ ,  $2l$ , and  $l$  respectively, are connected by smooth hinges at  $B$  and  $C$ , and rest on a perfectly smooth sphere, whose radius is  $2l$ , so that the middle point of  $BC$  and the extremities,  $A$  and  $D$ , are in contact with the sphere; shew that the pressure at the middle point of  $BC$  is  $\frac{9}{16}W$  of the weight of the beams.

10. Three uniform rods  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $CD$ , whose weights are proportional to their lengths  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , are jointed at  $B$  and  $C$  and are in a horizontal position resting on two pegs  $P$  and  $Q$ ; find the actions at the joints  $B$  and  $C$ , and shew that the distance between the pegs must be

$$\frac{a^2}{2a+b} + \frac{c^2}{2c+b} + b.$$

11.  $AB$  and  $AC$  are similar uniform rods, of length  $a$ , smoothly jointed at  $A$ .  $BD$  is a weightless bar, of length  $b$ , smoothly jointed at  $B$ , and fastened at  $D$  to a smooth ring sliding on  $AC$ . The system is hung on a small smooth pin at  $A$ . Shew that the rod  $AC$  makes with the vertical an angle

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a + \sqrt{a^2 - b^2}}.$$

12. A square figure  $ABCD$  is formed by four equal uniform rods jointed together, and the system is suspended from the joint  $A$ , and kept in the form of a square by a string connecting  $A$  and  $C$ ; shew that the tension of the string is half the weight of the four rods, and find the direction and magnitude of the action at either of the joints  $B$  or  $D$ .

13. Four equal rods are jointed together to form a rhombus, and the opposite joints are joined by strings forming the diagonals, and the whole system is placed on a smooth horizontal table. Shew that their tensions are in the same ratio as their lengths.

**213. Funicular Polygon.** If a light string have its ends attached to two fixed points, and if at different points of the string there be attached weights, the figure formed by the string is called a funicular polygon.

Let  $O$  and  $O_1$  be the two fixed points at which the ends of the string are tied, and let  $A_1, A_2, \dots A_n$ , be the points of the string at which are attached bodies, whose weights are  $w_1, w_2, \dots w_n$  respectively.

Let the lengths of the portions  $OA_1, A_1A_2, A_2A_3, \dots A_nO_1$ , be  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots a_{n+1}$ , respectively, and let their inclinations to the horizon be

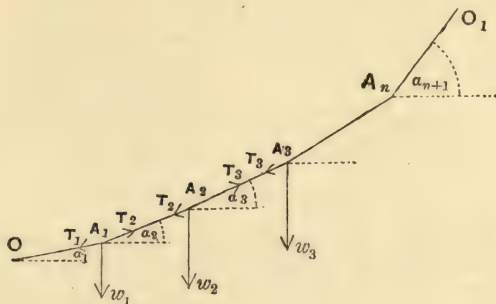
$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots \alpha_{n+1}.$$

Let  $h$  and  $k$  be respectively the horizontal and vertical distances between the points  $O$  and  $O_1$ , so that

$$a_1 \cos a_1 + a_2 \cos a_2 + \dots + a_{n+1} \cos a_{n+1} = h \dots (1),$$

and

$$a_1 \sin a_1 + a_2 \sin a_2 + \dots + a_{n+1} \sin a_{n+1} = k \dots (2).$$



Let  $T_1, T_2, \dots T_{n+1}$  be respectively the tensions of the portions of the string.

Resolving vertically and horizontally for the equilibrium of the different weights in succession, we have

$$T_2 \sin a_2 - T_1 \sin a_1 = w_1, \text{ and } T_2 \cos a_2 - T_1 \cos a_1 = 0;$$

$$T_3 \sin a_3 - T_2 \sin a_2 = w_2, \text{ and } T_3 \cos a_3 - T_2 \cos a_2 = 0;$$

$$T_4 \sin a_4 - T_3 \sin a_3 = w_3, \text{ and } T_4 \cos a_4 - T_3 \cos a_3 = 0;$$

$$\dots \dots \dots T_{n+1} \sin a_{n+1} - T_n \sin a_n = w_n, \text{ and } T_{n+1} \cos a_{n+1} - T_n \cos a_n = 0.$$

These  $2n$  equations, together with the equations (1) and (2), are sufficient to determine the  $(n+1)$  unknown tensions, and the  $(n+1)$  unknown inclinations

$$a_1, a_2, \dots a_{n+1}.$$

From the right-hand column of equations, we have

$$T_1 \cos a_1 = T_2 \cos a_2 = T_3 \cos a_3 = \dots = T_{n+1} \cos a_{n+1} \\ = K \text{ (say) } \dots \dots \dots (3),$$

so that the horizontal component of the tension of the string is constant throughout and is denoted by  $K$ .

From (3), substituting for  $T_1, T_2, \dots T_{n+1}$  in the left-hand column of equations, we have

$$\tan \alpha_2 - \tan \alpha_1 = \frac{w_1}{K},$$

$$\tan \alpha_3 - \tan \alpha_2 = \frac{w_2}{K},$$

$$\tan \alpha_4 - \tan \alpha_3 = \frac{w_3}{K},$$

$$\dots\dots\dots$$

$$\tan \alpha_{n+1} - \tan \alpha_n = \frac{w_n}{K}.$$

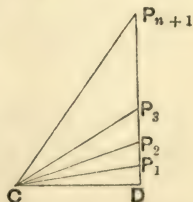
If the weights be all equal, the right-hand members of this latter column of equations are all equal and it follows that  $\tan \alpha_1, \tan \alpha_2, \dots \tan \alpha_{n+1}$ , are in arithmetical progression.

Hence when a set of equal weights are attached to different points of a string, as above, the tangents of inclination to the horizon of successive portions of the string form an arithmetical progression whose constant difference is the weight of any attached particle divided by the constant horizontal tension of the strings.

**214. Graphical construction.** If, in the Funicular Polygon, the inclinations of the different portions of string be given, we can easily, by geometric construction, obtain the ratios of  $w_1, w_2, \dots w_n$ .

For let  $C$  be any point and  $CD$  the horizontal line through  $C$ . Draw  $CP_1, CP_2, \dots CP_{n+1}$  parallel to the strings  $OA_1, A_1A_2, \dots A_nO_1$ , so that the angles  $P_1CD, P_2CD, \dots$  are respectively  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$ .

Draw any vertical line cutting these lines in  $D, P_1, P_2, \dots$



Then, by the previous article,

$$\frac{w_1}{K} = \tan \alpha_2 - \tan \alpha_1 = \frac{DP_2}{CD} - \frac{DP_1}{CD} = \frac{P_2P_1}{CD},$$

$$\frac{w_2}{K} = \tan \alpha_3 - \tan \alpha_2 = \frac{DP_3}{CD} - \frac{DP_2}{CD} = \frac{P_3P_2}{CD},$$

and so on.

Hence the quantities  $K, w_1, w_2, \dots w_n$  are respectively proportional to the lines  $CD, P_1P_2, P_2P_3, \dots P_nP_{n+1}$ , and hence their ratios are determined.

**215. Tensions of Elastic Strings.** All through this book we have assumed our strings to be inextensible, *i.e.*, that they would bear any tension without altering their length.

In practice, all strings are extensible, although the extensibility is in many cases extremely small, and practically negligible.

When the extensibility of the string cannot be neglected, there is a simple experimental law connecting the tension of the string with the amount of extension of the string. It may be expressed in the form

*The tension of an elastic string varies as the extension of the string beyond its natural length.*

Suppose a string to be naturally of length one foot; its tension, when the length is 13 inches, will be to its tension, when of length 15 inches, as

$$13 - 12 : 15 - 12, \text{ i.e., as } 1 : 3.$$

The student will observe carefully that the tension of the string is not proportional to its stretched length. but to its extension.



The above law was discovered by Hooke, and enunciated by him in the form *Ut tensio, sic vis*.

From Hooke's law we easily obtain a formula giving us the tension in any case.

Let  $a$  be the unstretched length of a string, and  $T$  be its tension when it is stretched to be of length  $x$ . The extension is now  $x - a$ , and the law states that

$$T \propto x - a.$$

This is generally expressed in the form

$$T = \lambda \cdot \frac{x - a}{a},$$

the constant of variation being  $\frac{\lambda}{a}$ .

The quantity  $\lambda$  is a quantity depending only on the thickness of the string and on the material of which it is made, and is called the *Modulus of Elasticity of the String*.

The quantity  $\lambda$  is equal to the force which would stretch the string, if placed on a smooth horizontal table, to twice its natural length; for, when  $x = 2a$ , we have the tension

$$= \lambda \frac{2a - a}{a} = \lambda.$$

Hence the value of  $\lambda$  may be easily determined by finding the force which stretches the string to twice its natural length.

No elastic string will however bear an unlimited stretching; when the string, through being stretched, is on the point of breaking, its tension then is called the *breaking tension*.

**Ex.** *ABC* is an elastic string, hanging vertically from a fixed point *A*; at *B* and *C* are attached particles, of weights  $2W$  and  $W$  respectively. If the modulus of elasticity of the string be  $3W$ , find the ratio of the stretched lengths of the portions of the string to their unstretched lengths.

Let  $c$  and  $c_1$  be the unstretched lengths of *AB* and *BC*, and  $x$  and  $y$  their stretched lengths.

Let  $T$  and  $T_1$  be their tensions, so that

$$T = \lambda \frac{x - c}{c} = 3W \frac{x - c}{c},$$

and

$$T_1 = \lambda \frac{y - c_1}{c_1} = 3W \frac{y - c_1}{c_1}.$$

From the equilibrium of *B* and *C*, we have

$$T - T_1 = 2W, \text{ and } T_1 = W.$$

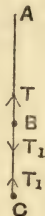
Hence

$$T = 3W.$$

$$\therefore 3W \frac{x - c}{c} = 3W, \text{ and } 3W \frac{y - c_1}{c_1} = W.$$

$$\therefore x = 2c, \text{ and } y = \frac{4}{3}c_1,$$

so that the stretched lengths are respectively twice and four-thirds of the natural lengths.



### EXAMPLES. XXXV.

1. *ABC* is an elastic string, whose modulus of elasticity is  $4W$ , which is tied to a fixed point at *A*. At *B* and *C* are attached weights each equal to  $W$ , the unstretched lengths of *AB* and *BC* being each equal to  $c$ . Shew that, if the string and bodies take up a vertical position of equilibrium, the stretched lengths of *AB* and *BC* are  $\frac{3}{2}c$  and  $\frac{4}{3}c$  respectively.

2. An elastic string has its ends attached to two points in the same horizontal plane, and initially it is just tight and unstretched; a particle, of weight  $W$ , is tied to the middle point of the string; if the modulus of elasticity be  $\frac{W}{\sqrt{3}}$ , shew that, in the position of equilibrium, the two portions of the string will be inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to one another.

3. In the previous question, if  $2a$  be the distance between the two points,  $2c$  the unstretched length of the string, and  $\lambda$  the modulus of elasticity, shew that the inclination,  $\theta$ , of the strings to the vertical is given by

$$\frac{W}{2\lambda} \tan \theta + \sin \theta = \frac{a}{c}.$$

4. A body rests on a rough inclined plane whose inclination  $\alpha$  to the horizon is greater than  $\lambda$ , the angle of friction; it is held at rest by an elastic string attached to it and to a point on the plane. If the modulus of elasticity be equal to the weight of the body, prove that in the position of equilibrium the ratio of the length of the string to its original length is

$$1 + \sin(\alpha - \lambda) \cdot \sec \lambda.$$

5. Four equal jointed rods, each of length  $a$ , are hung from an angular point, which is connected by an elastic string with the opposite point. If the rods hang in the form of a square, and if the modulus of elasticity of the string be equal to the weight of a rod, shew that the unstretched length of the string is  $\frac{a\sqrt{2}}{3}$ .

**216. Examples of graphical solution.** Questions are often propounded to be solved by graphical methods.

Many problems which would be exceedingly difficult or, at any rate, very laborious, to solve by analytical methods are comparatively easy to solve graphically.

These questions are of common occurrence in engineering and other practical work. There is generally little else involved besides the use of the Triangle of Forces and Polygon of Forces.

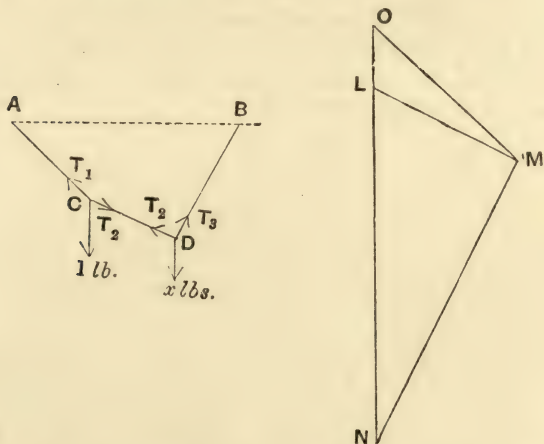
The instruments chiefly used are :—Compasses, Rulers, Scales and Diagonal Scales, and Protractors for measuring angles.

The results obtained are of course not mathematically accurate; but, if the student be careful, and skilful in the use of his instruments, the answer ought to be trustworthy, in general, to the first place of decimals.

In the following worked out examples the figures are reduced from the original drawings; the student is recommended to re-draw them for himself on the scale mentioned in each example.

**217. Ex. 1.** *ACDB is a string whose ends are attached to two points, A and B, which are in a horizontal line and are seven feet apart. The lengths of AC, CD, and DB are  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , 3, and 4 feet respectively, and at C is attached a one-pound weight. An unknown weight is attached to D of such a magnitude that, in the position of equilibrium, CDB is a right angle. Find the magnitude of this weight and the tensions of the strings.*

Let  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ , and  $T_3$  be the required tensions and let  $x$  lbs. be the weight at D.



Take a vertical line  $OL$ , one inch in length, to represent the weight, one pound, at  $C$ . Through  $O$  draw  $OM$  parallel to  $AC$ , and through  $L$  draw  $LM$  parallel to  $CD$ .

By the triangle of forces  $OM$  represents  $T_1$ , and  $LM$  represents  $T_2$ .

Produce  $OL$  vertically downwards and through  $M$  draw  $MN$  parallel to  $BD$ .

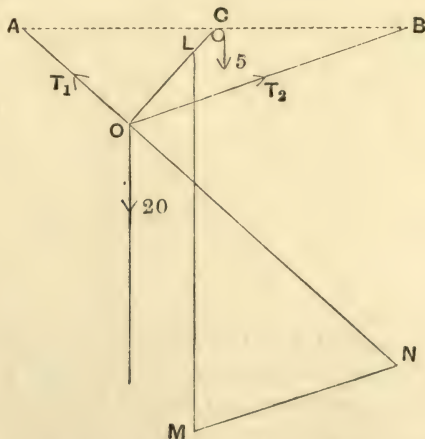
Then, since  $LM$  represents  $T_2$ , it follows that  $T_3$  is represented by  $MN$ , and  $x$  by  $LN$ .

By actual measurement, we have

$OM = 3.05$  ins.,  $LM = 2.49$  ins.,  $MN = 5.1$  ins.,  
and  $NL = 5.63$  ins.

Hence the weight at  $D$  is 5.63 lbs. and the tensions are respectively 3.05, 2.49, and 5.1 lbs. wt.

**Ex. 2.**  $A$  and  $B$  are two points in a horizontal line at a distance of 16 feet apart;  $AO$  and  $OB$  are two strings of lengths 6 and 12 feet carrying, at  $O$ , a body of weight 20 lbs.; a third string, attached to the body at  $O$ , passes over a small smooth pulley at the middle point,  $C$ , of  $AB$  and is attached to a body of weight 5 lbs.; find the tensions of the strings  $AO$  and  $OB$ .



Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be the required tensions. On  $OC$  mark off  $OL$ , equal to one inch, to represent the tension, 5 lbs. wt., of the string  $OC$ . Draw  $LM$  vertical and equal to 4 inches.



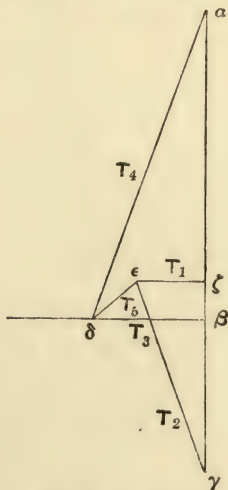
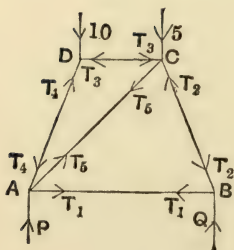
Through  $M$  draw  $MN$ , parallel to  $OB$ , to meet  $AO$  produced in  $N$ .

Then, by the Polygon of Forces, the lines  $ON$  and  $NM$  will represent the tensions  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

On measurement,  $ON$  and  $NM$  are found to be respectively 3.9 and 2.45 inches.

Hence  $T_1 = 5 \times 3.9 = 19.5$  lbs. wt.,  
and  $T_2 = 5 \times 2.45 = 12.25$  lbs. wt.

**Ex. 3.** A framework,  $ABCD$ , stiffened by a brace  $AC$ , is supported in a vertical plane by supports at  $A$  and  $B$ , so that  $AB$  is horizontal; the lengths of  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$  and  $DA$  are 4, 3, 2, and 3 feet respectively; also  $AB$  and  $CD$  are



parallel, and  $AD$  and  $BC$  are equally inclined to  $AB$ . If weights of 5 and 10 cwt. respectively be placed at  $C$  and  $D$ , find the reactions of the supports at  $A$  and  $B$ , and the forces exerted by the different portions of the framework.

Let the forces in the sides be as marked in the figure and let  $P$  and  $Q$  be the reactions at  $A$  and  $B$ .

Draw a vertical line  $a\beta$ , 5 inches in length, to represent the weight 10 cwt. at  $D$ ; also draw  $a\delta$  parallel to  $AD$  and  $\beta\delta$  parallel to  $CD$ . Then  $a\beta\delta$  is the Triangle of Forces for the joint  $D$ , and the forces at  $D$  must be in the directions marked.

Note that the force at  $C$  in the bar  $DC$  must be along  $DC$ , and that at  $A$  along  $DA$ .

[This is an important general principle; for any bar, which undergoes stress, is either resisting a tendency to compress it, or a tendency to stretch it.

In the first case, the action at each end is from its centre towards its ends; in the second case it is towards its centre.

In either case the actions at the two ends of the rod are equal and opposite.]

Draw  $\beta\gamma$  vertical and equal to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ins. to represent the weight at  $C$ . Draw  $\gamma\epsilon$  parallel to  $BC$  and  $\delta\epsilon$  parallel to  $AC$ . Then  $\delta\beta\gamma\epsilon\delta$  is the Polygon of Forces for the joint  $C$ , so that the actions at  $C$  are as marked.

Draw  $\epsilon\zeta$  horizontal to meet  $a\gamma$  in  $\zeta$ .

Then  $\epsilon\gamma\zeta$  is the Triangle of Forces for  $B$ , so that the reaction  $Q$  is represented by  $\gamma\zeta$ , and  $T_1$  by  $\zeta\epsilon$ .

Finally, for the joint  $A$ , we have the polygon  $\delta\epsilon\zeta a\delta$ , so that  $P$  is represented by  $\zeta a$ .

On measuring, we have, in inches,

$$\epsilon\zeta = 1.10, \quad \gamma\epsilon = 3.31, \quad \delta\beta = 1.77, \quad \delta a = 5.30, \quad \delta\epsilon = .91, \\ \gamma\zeta = 3.125, \text{ and } \zeta a = 4.375.$$

Hence, since one inch represents 2 cwt., we have, in cwt.,

$$T_1 = 2.20, \quad T_2 = 6.62, \quad T_3 = 3.54, \quad T_4 = 10.6, \quad T_5 = 1.82, \\ Q = 6.25, \text{ and } P = 8.75.$$

It will be noted that the bars  $AB$  and  $AC$  are in a state of tension, whilst the rest of the framework is in a state of compression.

**Ex. 4.** *A ladder is placed in a given position with one end resting on the ground and the other against a vertical wall. If the ground and wall be both rough, the angles of friction being  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda'$  respectively, find by a graphic construction how high a man can ascend the ladder without its slipping.*

Let  $AB$  (Fig. Art. 190) be the ladder.

Draw  $AC$  and  $BC$  making the angles of friction with the normals at  $A$  and  $B$  to the wall and ground respectively.

Draw  $CG$  vertically to meet  $AB$  in  $G$ . If the centre of gravity of the man and ladder together be between  $A$  and  $G$  the ladder will rest; if not, it will slide.

For if this centre of gravity be between  $G$  and  $B$  the vertical through it will meet  $BC$ , the limiting direction of friction at  $B$ , in a point  $P$  such that the  $\angle PAR$  is greater than the angle of friction at  $A$ , and so equilibrium will be impossible.

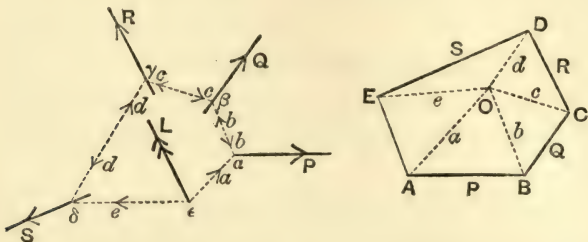
If this centre of gravity be between  $G$  and  $A$  equilibrium will be possible; for even if the friction were limiting at  $A$  the vertical through this centre of gravity would meet  $AC$  in a point  $P$  such that the angle  $PBS$  would be  $< \lambda'$ , so that equilibrium would be possible. Similarly we may shew that if the friction be limiting at  $B$ , there is still equilibrium.

If then  $G_1$  be the centre of gravity of the ladder,  $G_2$  the highest possible position of the man, and  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be their respective weights, then  $G_2$  is determined by the relation

$$W_1 \cdot GG_1 = W_2 \cdot GG_2.$$

**218.** *To find the resultant of any number of coplanar forces.*

Let the forces be  $P, Q, R$ , and  $S$  whose lines of action are as in the left-hand figure.



Draw the figure  $ABCDE$  having its sides  $AB, BC, CD$ , and  $DE$  respectively parallel and proportional to  $P, Q, R$  and  $S$ . Join  $AE$ , so that by the Polygon of Forces  $AE$  represents the required resultant in magnitude and direction.

Take any point  $O$  and join it to  $A, B, C, D$ , and  $E$ ; let the lengths of these joining lines be  $a, b, c, d$ , and  $e$  respectively.

Take any point  $a$  on the line of action of  $P$ ; draw  $a\beta$  parallel to  $BO$  to meet  $Q$  in  $\beta$ ,  $\beta\gamma$  parallel to  $CO$  to meet  $R$  in  $\gamma$ , and  $\gamma\delta$  parallel to  $DO$  to meet  $S$  in  $\delta$ .

Through  $\delta$  and  $a$  draw lines parallel respectively to  $OE$  and  $OA$  to meet in  $\epsilon$ .

Through  $\epsilon$  draw  $\epsilon L$  parallel and equal to  $AE$ . Then  $\epsilon L$  shall represent the required resultant in magnitude and line of action, on the same scale that  $AB$  represents  $P$ .

For  $P$ , being represented by  $AB$ , is equivalent to forces represented by  $AO$  and  $BO$ , and therefore may be replaced by forces equal to  $a$  and  $b$  in the directions  $\epsilon a$  and  $\beta a$ . So  $Q$  may be replaced by  $b$  and  $c$  in directions  $a\beta$  and  $\gamma\beta$ ,  $R$

by  $c$  and  $d$  in directions  $\beta\gamma$  and  $\delta\gamma$ , and  $S$  by forces  $d$  and  $e$  in directions  $\gamma\delta$  and  $\epsilon\delta$ .

The forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$ , and  $S$  have therefore been replaced by forces acting along the sides of the figure  $a\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ , of which the forces along  $a\beta$ ,  $\beta\gamma$  and  $\gamma\delta$  balance.

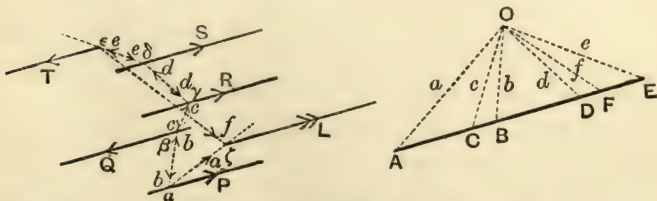
We have therefore left forces at  $\epsilon$  which are parallel and equal to  $AO$  and  $OE$  whose resultant is  $AE$ .

Since  $\epsilon L$  is drawn parallel to  $AE$  it therefore represents the required resultant in magnitude and line of action.

Such a figure as the right-hand one is called a Force Polygon and the left-hand figure is called a Funicular Polygon.

**219.** The construction of the previous article may similarly be shewn to hold whatever be the number of forces, provided always that these forces do not reduce to a couple. The forces will reduce to a couple when the points  $A$  and  $E$  coincide and the points  $\delta$  and  $a$  do not coincide.

**220.** If the forces be parallel the construction is the same as in the previous article. The annexed figure is drawn for the case in which the forces are parallel and two of the five forces are in the opposite direction to that of the other three.



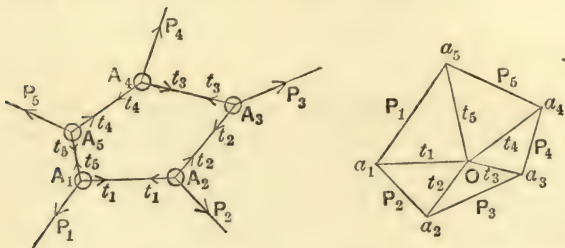
Since  $P$ ,  $R$ , and  $S$  are in the same direction we have



$AB$ ,  $CD$  and  $DE$  in one direction, whilst  $BC$  and  $EF$  which represent  $Q$  and  $T$  are in the opposite direction.

The proof of the construction is the same as in the last article. The line  $\zeta L$ , equal and parallel to  $AF$ , represents the required resultant both in magnitude and line of action.

**221.** *A closed polygon of light rods freely jointed at their extremities is acted upon by a given system of forces acting at the joints ; find the actions along the rods.*



Let  $A_1A_2$ ,  $A_2A_3$ , ...  $A_5A_1$  be a system of five rods freely jointed at their ends and at the joints let given forces  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ ,  $P_3$ ,  $P_4$ , and  $P_5$  act as in the figure.

Let the consequent actions along the rods be  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ ,  $t_3$ ,  $t_4$ , and  $t_5$ , as marked.

Draw the pentagon  $a_5a_1a_2a_3a_4$  having its sides parallel and proportional to the forces  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ , ...  $P_5$ . Since the forces are in equilibrium this polygon is a closed figure.

Through  $a_1$  draw  $a_1O$  parallel to  $A_1A_2$  and through  $a_5$  draw  $a_5O$  parallel to  $A_5A_1$ .

Now the triangle  $a_5Oa_1$  has its sides parallel to the forces  $P_1$ ,  $t_1$ , and  $t_5$  which act on the joint  $A_1$ . Its sides

are therefore proportional to these forces; hence, on the same scale that  $a_5a_1$  represents  $P_1$ , the sides  $a_5O$  and  $a_1O$  represent  $t_5$  and  $t_1$ .

Join  $Oa_2$ ,  $Oa_3$ , and  $Oa_4$ .

The sides  $a_1a_2$  and  $Oa_1$  represent two of the forces,  $P_2$  and  $t_1$ , which act on  $A_2$ . Hence  $a_2O$ , which completes the triangle  $a_1Oa_2$ , represents the third force  $t_2$  in magnitude and direction.

Similarly  $Oa_3$  and  $Oa_4$  represent  $t_3$  and  $t_4$  respectively.

The lines  $Oa_1$ ,  $Oa_2$ ,  $Oa_3$ ,  $Oa_4$  and  $Oa_5$  therefore represent, both in magnitude and direction, the forces along the sides of the framework. The figure  $a_1a_2a_3a_4a_5$  is called the force polygon.

A similar construction would apply whatever be the number of sides in the framework.

### EXAMPLES. XXXVI.

*The following are to be solved by graphic methods.*

1. A boat is towed along a river by means of two ropes, attached to the same point, which are pulled by two men who keep at opposite points of the bank 50 feet apart; one rope is 30 feet long and is pulled with a force equal to the weight of 35 lbs., and the other rope is 45 feet long; the boat is in this way made to move uniformly in a straight line; find the resistance offered to the boat by the stream and the tension of the second rope.

2. The jib of a crane is 10 feet long, and the tie-rod is horizontal and attached to a point 6 feet vertically above the foot of the jib; find the tension of the tie-rod, and the thrust on the jib, when the crane supports a mass of 1 ton.

3. A uniform triangular lamina  $ABC$ , of 30 lbs. weight, can turn in a vertical plane about a hinge at  $B$ ; it is supported with the side  $AB$  horizontal by a peg placed at the middle point of  $BC$ . If the sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $CA$  be respectively 6, 5, and 4 feet in length, find the pressure on the prop and the strain on the hinge.

4. A ladder, 30 feet long, rests with one end against a smooth wall and the other against the rough ground, the distance of its foot from the wall being 10 feet; find the resultant force exerted by the ground on the foot of the ladder if the weight of the ladder be 150 lbs. (1) when there is no extra weight on the ladder, (2) when 1 cwt. is placed  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up.

5. It is found by experiment that a force equal to the weight of 10 lbs. acting along the plane is required to make a mass of 10 lbs. begin to move up a plane inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the horizon; find the coefficient of friction between the mass and the plane.

6. Three forces equal respectively to the weights of 5.05 lbs., 4.24 lbs., and 3.85 lbs. act at three given points of a flat disc resting on a smooth table. Place the forces, by geometric construction, so as to keep the disc in equilibrium, and measure the number of degrees in each of the angles which they make with one another.

7. A uniform rectangular block, of which  $ABCD$  is the symmetrical section through its centre of gravity, rests with  $CD$  in contact with a rough horizontal plane ( $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ ); the weight of the block is 40 lbs. and a force equal to 10 lbs. wt. acts at  $D$  in the direction  $CD$ ; if the lengths of  $BC$  and  $CD$  be respectively 3 and 5 feet, find the value of the least force which, applied at the middle point of  $CB$  parallel to the diagonal  $DB$ , would move the block.

8. A body, of weight 100 lbs., rests on a rough plane whose slope is 1 in 3, the coefficient of friction being  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; find the magnitude of the force which, acting at an angle of  $40^\circ$  with the plane, is on the point of dragging the body up the plane. Find also the force which, acting at an angle of  $40^\circ$  with the plane, is on the point of dragging the body down the plane.

9.  $A$  and  $B$  are two fixed points, the horizontal and vertical distances between them being 4 feet and 1 foot respectively;  $AC$  and  $BC$  are strings of length 5 and 3 feet respectively, and at  $C$  is tied a body of weight 1 cwt.; find the tensions of the strings.

10.  $ABCD$  is a light string attached to two points,  $A$  and  $D$ , in the same horizontal line, and at the points  $B$  and  $C$  are attached weights. In the position of equilibrium the distances of the points  $B$  and  $C$  below the line  $AD$  are respectively 4 and 6 feet. If the lengths of  $AB$  and  $CD$  be respectively 6 and 8 feet and the distance  $AD$  be 14 feet, find the weight at  $C$ , the magnitude of the weight at  $B$  being 4 lbs.

11.  $AC$  and  $CB$  are two equal beams inclined to one another at an angle of  $40^\circ$ , the ends  $A$  and  $B$  resting on the ground, which is rough enough to prevent any slipping, and the plane  $ACB$  being inclined at an angle of  $70^\circ$  to the ground. At  $C$  is attached a body of weight 10 cwt., and the system is supported by a rope, attached to  $C$ , which is in the vertical plane passing through  $C$  and the middle point of  $AB$ . If the rope be attached to the ground and be inclined at an angle of  $50^\circ$  to the ground, find the tension of the rope and the action along the beams.

12. A beam,  $AB$ , of weight 140 lbs., rests with one end  $A$  on a rough horizontal plane, the other end,  $B$ , being supported by a cord, passing over a smooth pulley at  $C$ , whose horizontal and vertical distances from  $A$  are respectively 15 and 20 feet. If the length of the beam be 15 feet, and it be on the point of slipping when the end  $B$  is

at a height of 9 feet above the horizontal plane, find the magnitudes of the coefficient of friction, the tension of the cord, and the total pressure at  $A$ .

13. A framework  $ABC$  is supported in a vertical position and with  $AB$  horizontal by supports at  $A$  and  $B$ ; if the lengths  $AB$ ,  $BC$ , and  $CA$  be 10, 7, and 9 feet respectively, and a weight of 10 cwt. be placed at  $C$ , find the reactions at  $A$  and  $B$  and the forces exerted by the different portions of the framework.

14. A triangular framework  $ABC$ , formed of three bars jointed at its angular points, is in equilibrium under the action of three forces  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $R$  acting outwards at its angular points, the line of action of each being the line joining its point of application to the middle of the opposite bar. If the sides  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$  be 9 ft., 8 ft. and 7 ft. in length respectively, and if the force  $P$  be equal to 50 lbs. wt., find the values of  $Q$  and  $R$ , and the forces acting along the bars of the framework.

15. A triangular framework formed of three bars jointed at the angular points is in equilibrium under the action of three given forces acting at its angular points. Draw a diagram to represent to scale the given forces and the stresses in the bars.

16.  $A$  and  $B$  are two fixed pegs,  $B$  being the higher, and a heavy rod rests on  $B$  and passes under  $A$ ; shew that, the angle of friction between the rod and the pegs being the same for both, the rod will rest in any position in which its centre of gravity is beyond  $B$ , provided that the inclination of  $AB$  to the horizon is less than the angle of friction; also, for any greater inclination, determine graphically the limiting distance of the centre of gravity beyond  $B$  consistent with equilibrium.

17. Forces equal to 1, 2, 4, and 4 lbs. weight respectively act along the sides  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DA$  of a square. Prove that their resultant is 3.6 lbs. weight in a direction inclined at  $\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4}$  to  $CB$  and intersecting  $BC$  produced at  $G$ , where  $CG$  is equal to  $\frac{3}{4} BC$ .

18.  $ABCD$  is a frame-work of four weightless rods, loosely jointed together,  $AB$  and  $AD$  being each of length 4 feet and  $BC$  and  $CD$  of length 2 feet. The hinge  $C$  is connected with  $A$  by means of a fine string of length 5 feet. Weights of 100 lbs. each are attached to  $B$  and  $D$  and the whole is suspended from  $A$ . Shew that the tension in  $AC$  is 52 lbs. weight.

19. In the preceding question, instead of the string  $AC$  a weightless rod  $BD$  of length 3 feet is used to stiffen the frame; a weight of 100 lbs. is attached to  $C$  and nothing at  $B$  and  $D$ . Shew that the thrust in the rod  $BD$  is about 77 lbs. weight.



20. In question 18 there are no weights attached to  $B$  and  $D$  and the whole framework is placed on a smooth horizontal table; the hinges  $B$  and  $D$  are pressed toward one another by two forces each equal to the weight of 25 lbs. in the straight line  $BD$ . Shew that the tension of the string is about 31·6 lbs. weight.

21.  $ABCD$  is a rhombus formed by four weightless rods loosely jointed together, and the figure is stiffened by a weightless rod, of one half the length of each of the four rods, joined to the middle points of  $AB$  and  $AD$ . If this frame be suspended from  $A$  and a weight of 100 lbs. be attached to it at  $C$ , shew that the thrust of the cross rod is about 115·5 lbs. weight.

22. A uniform beam  $AB$ , weighing 100 lbs., is supported by strings  $AC$  and  $BD$ , the latter being vertical, and the angles  $CAB$  and  $ABD$  are each  $105^\circ$ . The rod is maintained in this position by a horizontal force  $P$  applied at  $B$ . Shew that the value of  $P$  is about 25 lbs. weight.

23.  $AB$  and  $AC$  are two equal rods of no appreciable weight smoothly jointed together at  $A$ , which rest in a vertical plane with their ends upon a smooth horizontal plane  $BC$ .  $D$  is a point in  $AB$  such that  $AD = \frac{1}{3} AB$  and  $E$  and  $F$  are the points of trisection of  $AC$ ,  $E$  being the nearer to  $A$ . A fine string connects  $D$  and  $F$  and is of such a length that the angle  $A$  is  $60^\circ$ . Shew that, if a weight  $W$  be attached to  $E$ , the tension of the string is  $\frac{W}{2}$ .

24.  $ABCDEF$  is a regular hexagon. Shew that the forces which must act along  $AC$ ,  $AF$ , and  $DE$  to produce equilibrium with a force of 40 lbs. weight acting along  $EC$  are respectively 10, 17·32, and 34·64 lbs. weight.



## CHAPTER XV.

### SOME ADDITIONAL PROPOSITIONS.

**222.** *To shew that the centre of gravity of any plane quadrilateral is the same as that of four equal particles, placed one at each angular point, and a fifth particle of equal but negative mass placed at the intersection of its diagonals.*

Let  $ABCD$  be the quadrilateral and let the distances of its angular points from any line  $OX$  in the plane be respectively  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$ . Let  $E$  be the intersection of its diagonals and  $e$  the distance of  $E$  from  $OX$ .

By Art. 104 the centre of gravity of the triangle  $ACD$  is the same as that of three equal particles placed at its angular points, and so the distance of this centre of gravity from  $OX$  is  $\frac{1}{3}(a + c + d)$ .

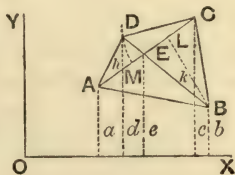
(Art. 111.)

Similarly the distance from  $OX$  of the centre of gravity of the triangle  $ACB$  is  $\frac{1}{3}(a + b + c)$ .

Also, since triangles on the same base are to one another as their heights, we have

$$\frac{\triangle ACD}{\triangle ACB} = \frac{h}{k},$$

where  $h$  and  $k$  are the perpendiculars from  $D$  and  $B$  on  $AC$ .



By Art. 111 the distance of the required centre of gravity from  $OX$  therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\triangle ACD \times \frac{1}{3}(a+c+d) + \triangle ACB \times \frac{1}{3}(a+b+c)}{\triangle ACD + \triangle ACB} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{3} \frac{h(a+c+d) + k(a+b+c)}{h+k}}{\frac{1}{3}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}(a+c) + \frac{1}{3} \frac{hd+kb}{h+k} \\
 &= \frac{1}{3}(a+b+c+d) - \frac{1}{3} \frac{kd+bh}{h+k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

But  $\frac{k}{h} = \frac{BE}{ED} = \frac{e-b}{d-e},$

so that  $kd+bh = e(h+k).$

Hence the required distance  $= \frac{a+b+c+d-e}{3}.$

But, by Art. 111, this is the distance of the centre of gravity of four equal particles at  $A, B, C,$  and  $D$  and of a particle of equal but negative mass at  $E$ . For we should have  $w_2 = w_3 = w_4 = w_1$  and  $w_5 = -w_1$ .

In a similar manner it could be shewn that the centre of gravity of the particles and that of the quadrilateral are at equal distances from  $OY$ .

Hence they coincide.

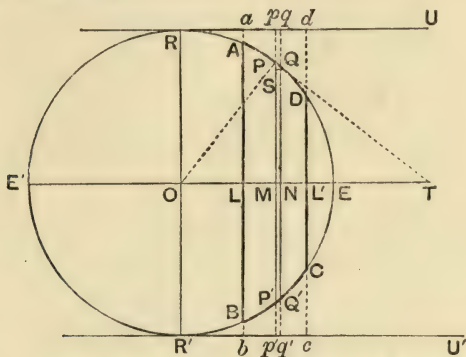
### 223. Centre of gravity of a Zone of a Sphere.

*To prove that the centre of gravity of the surface of any zone of a sphere is midway between its plane ends.*

[A zone is the portion of a sphere intercepted between any two parallel planes.]

Let  $ABCD$  be the section of the zone which is made by a plane through the centre of the sphere perpendicular to its plane ends.

In the plane of the paper let  $ROR'$  be the diameter parallel to the plane ends. Draw the tangents  $RU$  and  $R'U'$  at its ends, and let  $AB$  and  $CD$  meet them in the points  $a, b, c$  and  $d$ .



Consider the figure obtained by revolving the above figure about  $EOE'$ . The arc  $AD$  will trace out the zone and the line  $ad$  will trace out a portion of the circumscribing cylinder.

We shall shew that the areas of the portions of the zone and cylinder intercepted between the planes  $ab$  and  $cd$  are the same.

Take any point  $P$  on the arc between  $A$  and  $D$  and another point  $Q$  indefinitely close to  $P$ . Draw the lines  $pPMP'p'$  and  $qQNQ'q'$  perpendicular to  $OE$  as in the figure.

Let  $PQ$  meet  $E'E$  in  $T$  and draw  $QS$  perpendicular to  $PM$ .

Since  $Q$  is the very next point to  $P$  on the arc, the line  $PQ$  is, by the definition of a tangent, the tangent at  $P$  and hence  $OPT$  is a right angle. Also in the limit, when  $P$  and  $Q$  are very close to one another, the area traced out

by  $PQ$ , which really lies between  $2\pi PQ \cdot MP$  and  $2\pi PQ \cdot NQ$ , is equal to either of them.

We then have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{element of the zone}}{\text{element of the cylinder}} &= \frac{\text{area traced out by } PQ}{\text{area traced out by } pq} \\ &= \frac{2\pi \cdot MP \cdot PQ}{2\pi \cdot Mp \cdot pq} = \frac{MP}{Mp} \cdot \frac{PQ}{SQ} = \frac{MP}{Mp} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos SQP} \\ &= \frac{MP}{Mp} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos OTP} = \frac{MP}{Mp} \cdot \frac{1}{\sin MOP} = \frac{MP}{Mp} \cdot \frac{OP}{MP} \\ &= \frac{OP}{Mp} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

The portions of the zone and cylinder cut off by these two indefinitely close planes are therefore the same and hence their centres of gravity are the same.

If we now take an infinitely large number of thin sections of the zone and cylinder starting with  $AB$  and ending with  $CD$  the corresponding sections have the same mass and the same centre of gravity.

The centre of gravity of the zone and cylinder are therefore the same, and the centre of gravity of the latter is clearly the middle point of  $LL'$ .

Hence the centre of gravity of any zone of a sphere is midway between its plane ends.

#### 224. *Centre of gravity of a hollow hemisphere.*

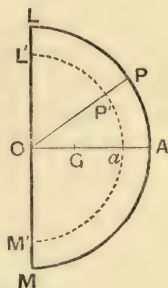
Let  $AB$  pass through the centre of the sphere and therefore coincide with  $RR'$ . Also let  $D$  and  $C$  move up to coincide with  $E$ , so that the bounding plane  $DC$  becomes a point at  $E$ .

The zone thus becomes the hemisphere  $RDECR'$  and its centre of gravity is therefore at the middle point of  $OE$ , i.e., it bisects the radius of the sphere perpendicular to the plane base of the hemisphere.

**225.** *To find the position of the centre of gravity of a solid hemisphere.*

Let  $LAM$  be the section of the hemisphere made by the plane of the paper, and let  $OA$  be the radius of the hemisphere which is perpendicular to its plane base.

Take any point  $P$  on the hemisphere and consider an exceedingly small element of the surface at  $P$ . The centre of gravity of the very thin pyramid, whose base is this small element and whose vertex is  $O$ , is at a point  $P'$  on  $OP$ , such that  $OP' = \frac{3}{4} OP$ . (Art. 107.)



The weight of this very thin pyramid may therefore be considered concentrated at  $P'$ .

Let the external surface of the hemisphere be entirely divided up into very small portions and the corresponding pyramids drawn. Their centres of gravity all lie on the hemisphere  $L'P'aM'$  whose centre is  $O$  and whose radius is  $Oa (= \frac{3}{4} OA)$ .

Hence the centre of gravity of the solid hemisphere is the same as that of the hemispherical shell  $L'P'aM'$ , i.e. it is at  $G$ , where

$$OG = \frac{1}{2} Oa = \frac{3}{8} OA.$$

**226.** In a similar manner we may obtain the position of the centre of gravity of a spherical sector which is the figure formed by the revolution of a circular sector, such as the figure  $OAQEBO$ , in the figure of Art. 223, about the bisecting radius  $OE$ .

The distance of its centre of gravity from  $O$  is easily seen to be  $\frac{3}{8} (OL + OE)$ .



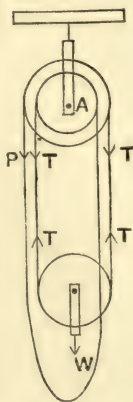
**227.** There are some points which are not quite satisfactory in the foregoing proofs. For a strict demonstration the use of the Differential Calculus is required.

### 228. Weston's Differential Pulley.

In this machine there are two blocks; the upper contains two pulleys of nearly the same size which turn together as one pulley; the lower consists of one pulley to which the weight  $W$  is attached.

The figure represents a section of the machine.

An endless chain passes round the larger of the upper pulleys, then round the lower pulley and the smaller of the upper pulleys; the remainder of the chain hangs slack and is joined on to the first portion of the chain. The power  $P$  is applied as in the figure. The chain is prevented from slipping by small projections on the surfaces of the upper pulleys.



If  $T$  be the tension of the portions of the chain which support the weight  $W$ , we have, since these portions are approximately nearly vertical, and neglecting the weight of the chain and the lower pulley,

$$2T = W \dots\dots\dots (1).$$

If  $R$  and  $r$  be the radii of the larger and smaller pulleys of the upper block we have, by taking moments about the centre  $A$  of the upper block,

$$P \cdot R + T \cdot r = T \cdot R.$$

Hence 
$$P = T \frac{R - r}{R} = \frac{W}{2} \frac{R - r}{R}.$$

The mechanical advantage of this system therefore

$$= \frac{W}{P} = \frac{2R}{R-r}.$$

Since  $R$  and  $r$  are nearly equal this mechanical advantage is therefore very great.

**229.** The differential pulley-block avoids one great disadvantage of the differential wheel and axle. In the latter machine a very great amount of rope is required in order to raise the weight through an appreciable distance.

**230. The Wedge** is a piece of iron, or metal, which has two plane faces meeting in a sharp edge. It is used to split wood or other tough substances, its edge being forced in by repeated blows applied by a hammer to its upper surface.

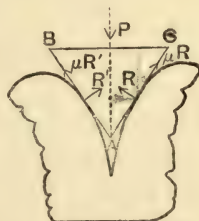
The problem of the action of a wedge is essentially a dynamical one.

We shall only consider the statical problem when the wedge is just kept in equilibrium by a steady force applied to its upper surface.

Let  $ABC$  be a section of the wedge and let its faces be equally inclined to the base  $BC$ . Let the angle  $CAB$  be  $\alpha$ .

Let  $P$  be the force applied to the upper face,  $R$  and  $R'$  the normal reactions of the wood at the points where the wedge touches the wood, and  $\mu R$  and  $\mu R'$  the frictions, it being assumed that the wedge is on the point of being pushed in.

We shall suppose the force  $P$  applied at the middle point of  $BC$  and that its direction is perpendicular to  $BC$  and hence bisects the angle  $BAC$ .



Resolving along and perpendicular to  $BC$ , we have

$$\mu R \sin \frac{a}{2} - R \cos \frac{a}{2} = \mu R' \sin \frac{a}{2} - R' \cos \frac{a}{2} \dots\dots (1),$$

and 
$$P = \mu (R + R') \cos \frac{a}{2} + (R + R') \sin \frac{a}{2} \dots\dots (2).$$

From equation (1) we have  $R = R'$ , and then (2) gives

$$P = 2R \left( \mu \cos \frac{a}{2} + \sin \frac{a}{2} \right).$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \frac{2R}{P} &= \frac{1}{\mu \cos \frac{a}{2} + \sin \frac{a}{2}} = \frac{\cos \lambda}{\sin \frac{a}{2} \cos \lambda + \cos \frac{a}{2} \sin \lambda} \\ &= \frac{\cos \lambda}{\sin \left( \frac{a}{2} + \lambda \right)}, \end{aligned}$$

if  $\lambda$  be the coefficient of friction.

The splitting power of the wedge is measured by  $R$ . For a given force  $P$  this splitting power is therefore greatest when  $a$  is least.

Theoretically this will be when  $a$  is zero, *i.e.* when the wedge is of infinitesimal strength. Practically the wedge has the greatest splitting power when it is made with as small an angle as is consistent with its strength.

**231.** If there be no friction between the wedge and wood (though this is practically an impossible supposition), we should have  $\lambda = 0$ , and therefore

$$\frac{2R}{P} = \frac{1}{\sin \frac{a}{2}} = \operatorname{cosec} \frac{a}{2}.$$

**232.** If the force of compression exerted by the wood on the wedge be great enough the force  $P$  may not be large

enough to make the wedge on the point of motion down; in fact the wedge may be on the point of being forced out.

If  $P_1$  be the value of  $P$  in this case, its value is found by changing the sign of  $\mu$  in Art. 230, so that we should have

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= 2R \left( \sin \frac{a}{2} - \mu \cos \frac{a}{2} \right) \\ &= 2R \frac{\sin \left( \frac{a}{2} - \lambda \right)}{\cos \lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\frac{a}{2}$  be  $> \lambda$ , the value of  $P_1$  is positive.

If  $\frac{a}{2}$  be  $< \lambda$ ,  $P_1$  is negative and the wedge could therefore only be on the point of slipping out if a pull were applied to its upper surface.

If  $\frac{a}{2} = \lambda$ , the wedge will just stick fast without the application of any force.

**Ex.** Prove that the multiplication of force produced by a screw-press, in which the distance between successive threads is  $c$  and the power is applied at the extremities of a cross-bar of length  $2b$ , is the same as that produced by a thin isosceles wedge of angle  $a$  such that

$$\sin \frac{a}{2} = c \div 4\pi b.$$

### 233. Virtual Work.

When we have a system of forces acting on a body in equilibrium and we suppose that the body undergoes a slight displacement, *which is consistent with the geometrical conditions under which the system exists*, and if a point  $Q$  of the body, with this imagined displacement, goes to  $Q'$ , then  $QQ'$  is called the Virtual Velocity, or Displacement, of the point  $Q$ .

The word Virtual is used to imply that the displacement is an imagined, and not an actual, displacement.

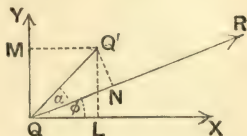
**234.** If a force  $R$  act at a point  $Q$  of the body and  $QQ'$  be the virtual displacement of  $Q$  and if  $Q'N$  be the perpendicular from  $Q'$  on the direction of  $R$ , then the product  $R \cdot QN$  is called the Virtual Work or Virtual Moment of the force  $R$ . As in Art. 195 this work is positive, or negative, according as  $QN$  is in the same direction as  $R$ , or in the opposite direction.

**235.** *The virtual work of a force is equal to the sum of the virtual works of its components.*

Let the components of  $R$  in two directions at right angles be  $X$  and  $Y$ ,  $R$  being inclined at an angle  $\phi$  to the direction of  $X$ , so that

$$X = R \cos \phi \text{ and } Y = R \sin \phi.$$

Let the point of application  $Q$  of  $R$  be removed, by a virtual displacement, to  $Q'$  and draw  $Q'N$  perpendicular to  $R$  and let



$$\angle NQQ' = \alpha.$$

The sum of the virtual works of  $X$  and  $Y$

$$= X \cdot QL + Y \cdot QM$$

$$= R \cos \phi \cdot QQ' \cos (\phi + \alpha) + R \sin \phi \cdot QQ' \sin (\phi + \alpha)$$

$$= R \cdot QQ' [\cos \phi \cos (\phi + \alpha) + \sin \phi \sin (\phi + \alpha)]$$

$$= R \cdot QQ' \cos \alpha$$

$$= R \cdot QN$$

$$= \text{the virtual work of } R.$$

**236.** The principle of virtual work states that *If a system of forces acting on a body be in equilibrium and the*

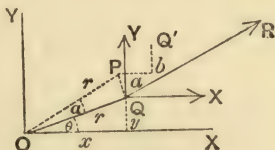


body undergo a slight displacement consistent with the geometrical conditions of the system, the algebraic sum of the virtual works is zero; and conversely if this algebraic sum be zero the forces are in equilibrium. In other words, if each force  $R$  have a virtual displacement  $r$  in the direction of its line of action, then  $\Sigma (R \cdot r) = 0$ ; also conversely if  $\Sigma (R \cdot r)$  be zero, the forces are in equilibrium.

In the next article we give a proof of this theorem for coplanar forces.

**237.** *Proof of the principle of virtual work for any system of forces in one plane.*

Take any two straight lines at right angles to one another in the plane of the forces and let the body undergo a slight displacement. This can clearly be done by turning the body through a suitable small angle  $\alpha$  radians about  $O$  and then moving it through suitable distances  $a$  and  $b$  parallel to the axis.



[The student may illustrate this by moving a book from any position on a table into any other position, the book throughout the motion being kept in contact with the table.]

Let  $Q$  be the point of application of any force  $R$ , whose coordinates referred to  $O$  are  $x$  and  $y$  and whose polar coordinates are  $r$  and  $\theta$ , so that  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ , where  $OQ = r$  and  $XOQ = \theta$ .

When the small displacement has been made the coordinates of the new position  $Q'$  of  $Q$  are

$$r \cos (\theta + \alpha) + a \quad \text{and} \quad r \sin (\theta + \alpha) + b,$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad r \cos \theta \cos \alpha - r \sin \theta \sin \alpha + a$$

$$\text{and} \quad r \sin \theta \cos \alpha + r \cos \theta \sin \alpha + b,$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad r \cos \theta - a \cdot r \sin \theta + a$$

$$\text{and} \quad r \sin \theta + a \cdot r \cos \theta + b,$$

since  $\alpha$  is very small.

The changes in the coordinates of  $Q$  are therefore

$$a - a \cdot r \sin \theta \quad \text{and} \quad b + a \cdot r \cos \theta,$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad a - ay \quad \text{and} \quad b + ax.$$

If then  $X$  and  $Y$  be the components of  $R$  the virtual work of  $R$ , which is equal to the sum of the virtual works of  $X$  and  $Y$ , is

$$X(a - ay) + Y(b + ax),$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad a \cdot X + b \cdot Y + a(Yx - Xy).$$

Similarly we have the virtual work of any other force of the system,  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $\alpha$  being the same for each force.

The sum of the virtual works will therefore be zero if

$$a\Sigma(X) + b\Sigma(Y) + a\Sigma(Yx - Xy) \text{ be zero.}$$

If the forces be in equilibrium then  $\Sigma(X)$  and  $\Sigma(Y)$  are the sums of the components of the forces along the axes  $OX$  and  $OY$  and hence, by Art. 83, they are separately equal to zero.

Also  $Yx - Xy$  = sum of the moments of  $X$  and  $Y$  about the origin  $O$  = moment of  $R$  about  $O$ . (Art. 62.)

Hence  $\Sigma(Yx - Xy)$  = sum of the moments of all the forces about  $O$ , and this sum is zero, by Art. 83.

It follows that if the forces be in equilibrium the sum of their virtual works is zero.

**238.** Conversely, if the sum of the virtual works be zero for any displacement the forces are in equilibrium.

With the same notation as in the last article the sum of the virtual works is

$$a\Sigma(X) + b\Sigma(Y) + a\Sigma(Yx - Xy) \dots\dots\dots (1),$$

and this is given to be zero *for all displacements*.

Choose a displacement such that the body is displaced only through a distance  $a$  parallel to the axis of  $x$ . For this displacement  $b$  and  $a$  vanish and (1) then gives

$$a\Sigma(X) = 0,$$

so that  $\Sigma(X) = 0$ , *i.e.* the sum of the components parallel to  $OX$  is zero.

Similarly, choosing a displacement parallel to the axis of  $y$ , we have the sum of the components parallel to  $OY$  zero also.

Finally, let the displacement be one of simple rotation round the origin  $O$ . In this case  $a$  and  $b$  vanish and (1) gives

$$\Sigma(Yx - Xy) = 0,$$

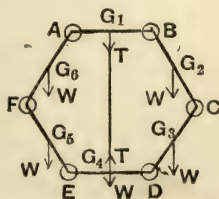
so that the sum of the moments of the forces about  $O$  vanish.

The three conditions of equilibrium given in Art. 83 therefore hold and the system of forces is therefore in equilibrium.

**239.** As an example of the application of the Principle of Virtual Work we shall solve the following problem.

Six equal rods  $AB, BC, CD, DE, EF$  and  $FA$  are each of weight  $W$  and are freely jointed at their extremities so as to form a hexagon; the rod  $AB$  is fixed in a horizontal position and the middle points of  $AB$  and  $DE$  are joined by a string; prove that its tension is  $3W$ .

Let  $G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4, G_5$ , and  $G_6$  be the middle points of the rods.



Since, by symmetry,  $BC$  and  $CD$  are equally inclined to the vertical the depths of the points  $C$ ,  $G_3$  and  $D$  below  $AB$  are respectively 2, 3, and 4 times as great as that of  $G_2$ .

Let the system undergo a displacement in the vertical plane of such a character that  $D$  and  $E$  are always in the vertical lines through  $B$  and  $A$  and  $DE$  is always horizontal.

If  $G_2$  descend a vertical distance  $x$ , then  $G_3$  will descend  $3x$ ,  $G_4$  will descend  $4x$ , whilst  $G_5$  and  $G_6$  will descend  $3x$  and  $x$  respectively.

The sum of the virtual works done by the weights

$$\begin{aligned} &= W \cdot x + W \cdot 3x + W \cdot 4x + W \cdot 3x + W \cdot x \\ &= 12W \cdot x. \end{aligned}$$

If  $T$  be the tension of the string the virtual work done by it will be

$$T \times (-4x).$$

For the displacement of  $G_4$  is in a direction opposite to that in which  $T$  acts and hence the virtual work done by it is negative.

The principle of virtual work then gives

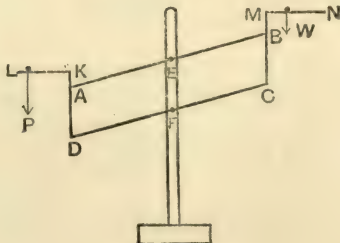
$$12W \cdot x + T(-4x) = 0,$$

i.e.

$$T = 3W.$$

**240. Roberval's Balance.** This balance consists of four rods  $AB$ ,  $BC$ ,  $CD$ , and  $DA$  freely jointed at the corners  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ , so as to form a parallelogram, whilst the middle points,  $E$  and  $F$ , of  $AB$  and  $CD$  are attached to a fixed vertical rod  $EF$ . The rods  $AB$  and  $CD$  can freely turn about  $E$  and  $F$ .

To the rods  $AD$  and  $BC$  are attached scale-pans  $KL$  and  $MN$ . In one of these is placed the substance  $W$  which is



to be weighed and in the other the counterbalancing weight  $P$ .

A very common form of letter-weigher is a Roberval's balance.

The peculiarity of this balance is that it is immaterial on what part of the scale-pans the weights  $P$  and  $W$  are placed.

We shall apply the Principle of Virtual Work to prove this statement.

Since  $EBCF$  and  $EADF$  are parallelograms it follows that whatever be the angle through which the balance is turned the rods  $BC$  and  $AD$  are always parallel to  $EF$  and therefore are always vertical.

If the rod  $AB$  be turned through a small angle the point  $B$  rises as much as the point  $A$  falls. The rod  $BC$  therefore rises as much as  $AD$  falls, and the scale-pan  $MN$  rises as much as  $KL$  falls. In such a displacement the virtual work of the weights of the rod  $BC$  and the scale-pan  $MN$  is therefore equal and opposite to the virtual work of the weights of  $AD$  and  $KL$ . These virtual works therefore cancel one another in the equation of virtual work.

Also if the displacement of  $MN$  be  $p$  upwards, that of  $KL$  is  $p$  downwards.

The equation of virtual work therefore gives

$$P \cdot p + W(-p) = 0,$$

i.e.

$$P = W.$$

Hence, if the machine balance in any position whatever, the weights  $P$  and  $W$  are equal and this condition is independent of the position of the weights in the scale-pans. The weights therefore may have any position on the scale-pans.



It follows that the scale-pans need not have the same shape nor be similarly attached to the machine provided only that their weights are the same.

For example in the above figure the scale-pan  $MN$  instead of pointing away from  $EF$  may point towards it, and no change would be requisite in the position of  $KL$ .

### EXAMPLES. XXXVII.

1. Four equal heavy uniform rods are freely jointed so as to form a rhombus which is freely suspended by one angular point and the middle points of the two upper rods are connected by a light rod so that the rhombus cannot collapse. Prove that the tension of this light rod is  $4W \tan \alpha$ , where  $W$  is the weight of each rod and  $2\alpha$  is the angle of the rhombus at the point of suspension.

2. A string, of length  $a$ , forms the shorter diagonal of a rhombus formed of four uniform rods, each of length  $b$  and weight  $W$ , which are hinged together.

If one of the rods be supported in a horizontal position prove that the tension of the string is

$$\frac{2W(2b^2 - a^2)}{b\sqrt{4b^2 - a^2}}.$$

3. A regular hexagon  $ABCDEF$  consists of 6 equal rods which are each of weight  $W$  and are freely jointed together. The hexagon rests in a vertical plane and  $AB$  is in contact with a horizontal table; if  $C$  and  $F$  be connected by a light string, prove that its tension is  $W\sqrt{3}$ .

4. A tripod consists of three equal uniform bars, each of length  $a$  and weight  $w$ , which are freely jointed at one extremity, their middle points being joined by strings of length  $b$ . The tripod is placed with its free ends in contact with a smooth horizontal plane and a weight  $W$  is attached to the common joint; prove that the tension of each string is

$$\frac{2}{3}(2W + 3w) \frac{b}{\sqrt{9a^2 - 12b^2}}.$$

5. A square framework, formed of uniform heavy rods of equal weight  $W$ , jointed together, is hung up by one corner. A weight  $W$  is suspended from each of the three lower corners and the shape of the square is preserved by a light rod along the horizontal diagonal. Prove that its tension is  $4W$ .

6. Four equal rods, each of length  $a$ , are jointed to form a rhombus  $ABCD$  and the angles  $B$  and  $D$  are joined by a string of length  $l$ . The system is placed in a vertical plane with  $A$  resting on a horizontal plane and  $AC$  is vertical. Prove that the tension of the string is  $2W \frac{l}{\sqrt{4a^2 - l^2}}$ , where  $W$  is the weight of each rod.

7. A heavy elastic string, whose natural length is  $2\pi a$ , is placed round a cone whose axis is vertical and whose semivertical angle is  $\alpha$ . If  $W$  be the weight and  $\lambda$  the modulus of elasticity of the string, prove that it will be in equilibrium when in the form of a circle whose radius is  $a \left( 1 + \frac{W}{2\pi\lambda} \cot \alpha \right)$ .

## EASY MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLES.

1. Find the resultant of two forces, equal to the weights of 13 and 14 lbs. respectively, acting at an obtuse angle whose sine is  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

2. Resolve a force of 100 lbs. weight into two equal forces acting at an angle of  $60^\circ$ .

3.  $ABCD$  is a square; forces of 1 lb. wt., 6 lbs. wt. and 9 lbs. wt. act in the directions  $AB$ ,  $AC$ , and  $AD$  respectively; find the magnitude of their resultant correct to two places of decimals.

4. The resultant of two forces, acting at an angle of  $120^\circ$ , is perpendicular to the smaller component. The greater component is equal to 100 lbs. weight; find the other component and the resultant.

5. If  $E$  and  $F$  be the middle points of the diagonals  $AC$  and  $BD$  of the quadrilateral  $ABCD$ , and if  $EF$  be bisected in  $G$ , prove that the four forces represented in magnitude and direction by  $AG$ ,  $BG$ ,  $CG$  and  $DG$ , will be in equilibrium.

6. A stiff pole 12 feet long sticks horizontally out from a vertical wall. It would break if a weight of 28 lbs. were hung at the end. How far out along the pole may a boy who weighs 8 stone venture with safety?

7. A rod weighing 4 ounces and of length one yard is placed on a table so that one-third of its length projects over the edge. Find the greatest weight which can be attached by a string to the end of the rod without causing it to topple over.

8. A uniform beam, of weight 30 lbs., rests with its lower end on the ground, the upper end being attached to a weight by means of a horizontal string passing over a small pulley. If the beam be inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the vertical prove that the pressure on the lower end is nearly 40 lbs. wt., and that the weight attached to the string is nearly 26 lbs. wt.

9. Find the centre of parallel forces which are equal respectively to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 lbs. weight, the points of application of the forces being at distances 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 inches respectively measured from a given point  $A$  along a given line  $AB$ .

10. The angle  $B$  of a triangle  $ABC$  is a right-angle,  $AB$  being 8 inches and  $BC$  11 inches in length; at  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  are placed particles whose weights are 4, 5, and 6 respectively; find the distance of their centre of gravity from  $A$ .

11. On the side  $AB$  of an equilateral triangle and on the side remote from  $C$  is described a rectangle whose height is one half of  $AB$ ; prove that the centre of gravity of the whole figure thus formed is the middle point of  $AB$ .

12. From a regular hexagon one of the equilateral triangles with its vertex at the centre, and a side for base, is cut away. Find the centre of gravity of the remainder.

13. A pile of six pennies rests on a horizontal table. Find the greatest possible horizontal distance between the centres of the highest and lowest pennies.

14. The pressure on the fulcrum when two weights are suspended in equilibrium at the end of a straight lever, 12 inches long, is 20 lbs. wt. and the ratio of the distances of the fulcrum from the ends is 3 : 2. Find the weights.

15. A straight lever of length 5 feet and weight 10 lbs. has its fulcrum at one end and weights of 3 and 6 lbs. are fastened to it at distances of 1 foot and 3 feet from the fulcrum ; it is kept horizontal by a force at its other end ; find the pressure on the fulcrum.

16. Find the relation between the power  $P$  and the weight  $W$  in a system of 5 movable pulleys in which each pulley hangs by a separate string, the weight of each pulley being  $P$ .

17. In the system of 5 weightless pulleys in which each string is attached to a weightless bar from which the weights hang, if the strings be successively one inch apart, find to what point of the bar the weight must be attached, so that the bar may be always horizontal.

18. A body, of mass 5 lbs., rests on a smooth plane which is inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizon and is acted on by a force equal to the weight of 2 lbs. acting parallel to the plane and upwards, and by a force equal to  $P$  lbs. weight acting at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the plane. Find the value of  $P$  if the body be in equilibrium.

19. If one scale of an accurate balance be removed and no mass be placed in the other scale, prove that the inclination of the beam to the horizon is  $\tan^{-1} \frac{Sa}{Wk + Sh}$ , where  $2a$  is the length of the beam,  $h$  and  $k$  are respectively the distances of the point of suspension from the beam and the centre of gravity of the balance, and  $S$  and  $W$  are respectively the weight of the scale-pan and the remainder of the balance.

20. If the distance of the centre of gravity of the beam of a common steelyard from its fulcrum be 2 inches, the movable weight 4 ozs., and the weight of the beam 2 lbs., find the distance of the zero of graduations from the centre of gravity. Also, if the distance between the fulcrum and the end at which the scale-pan is attached be 4 inches, find the distance between successive graduations.

21. If the circumference of a screw be 20 inches and the distance between successive threads  $\cdot 75$  inch, find its mechanical advantage.

22. The height of a rough plane is to its base as 3 to 4 and it is found that a body is just supported on it by a horizontal force equal to half the weight of the body ; find the coefficient of friction between the body and the plane.

23. A ladder, 30 feet long, rests with one end against a smooth vertical wall and with the other on the ground, which is rough, the coefficient of friction being  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; find how high a man whose weight is 4 times that of the ladder can ascend before it begins to slip, the foot of the ladder being 6 feet from the wall.

24. A cylindrical shaft has to be sunk to a depth of 100 fathoms through chalk whose density is 2.3 times that of water; the diameter of the shaft being 10 feet, what must be the H.P. of the engine that can lift out the material in 12 working days of 8 hours each?

### \*\*HARDER MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLES.

1. If  $O$  be the centre of the circle circumscribing the triangle  $ABC$ , and if forces act along  $OA$ ,  $OB$ , and  $OC$ , respectively proportional to  $BC$ ,  $CA$ , and  $AB$ , shew that their resultant passes through the centre of the inscribed circle.

2. Three forces act along the sides of a triangle  $ABC$ , taken in order, and their resultant passes through the orthocentre and the centre of gravity of the triangle; shew that the forces are in the ratio of

$$\sin 2A \sin (B - C) : \sin 2B \sin (C - A) : \sin 2C \sin (A - B).$$

Shew also that their resultant acts along the line joining the centres of the inscribed and circumscribing circles, if the forces be in the ratio

$$\cos B - \cos C : \cos C - \cos A : \cos A - \cos B.$$

3. Three forces  $PA$ ,  $PB$ , and  $PC$ , diverge from the point  $P$  and three others  $AQ$ ,  $BQ$ , and  $CQ$  converge to a point  $Q$ . Shew that the resultant of the six is represented in magnitude and direction by  $3PQ$  and that it passes through the centre of gravity of the triangle  $ABC$ .

4.  $T$  is the orthocentre, and  $O$  the circumcentre of a triangle  $ABC$ ; shew that the three forces  $AT$ ,  $BT$ , and  $CT$  have as resultant the force represented by twice  $OT$ .

5. Find the centre of gravity of three particles placed at the centres of the escribed circles of a triangle, if they be inversely proportional to the radii of these circles.

6.  $ABCD$  is a rectangle; find a point  $P$  in  $AD$  such that, when the triangle  $PDC$  is taken away, the remaining trapezoid  $ABCP$  may, when suspended from  $P$ , hang with its sides  $AP$  and  $BC$  horizontal.

7. A triangular lamina  $ABC$ , obtuse-angled at  $C$ , stands with



the side  $AC$  in contact with a table. Shew that the least weight, which suspended from  $B$  will overturn the triangle, is

$$\frac{1}{3}W \frac{a^2 + 3b^2 - c^2}{c^2 - a^2 - b^2},$$

where  $W$  is the weight of the triangle.

Interpret the above if  $c^2 > a^2 + 3b^2$ .

8. A pack of cards is laid on a table, and each card projects in the direction of the length of the pack beyond the one below it; if each project as far as possible, shew that the distances between the extremities of successive cards will form a harmonical progression.

9. If  $aA, bB, cC \dots$  represent  $n$  forces, whose points of application are  $a, b, c, \dots$  and whose extremities are  $A, B, C, \dots$ , shew that their resultant is given in magnitude and direction by  $n \cdot gG$ , where  $g$  is the centre of inertia of  $n$  equal particles  $a, b, c, \dots$ , and  $G$  the centre of inertia of  $n$  equal particles  $A, B, C, \dots$ .

What follows if  $g$  coincide with  $G$ ?

10. From a body, of weight  $W$ , a portion, of weight  $w$ , is cut out and moved through a distance  $x$ ; shew that the line joining the two positions of the centre of gravity of the whole body is parallel to the line joining the two positions of the centre of gravity of the part moved.

11. Two uniform rods,  $AB$  and  $AC$ , of the same material are rigidly connected at  $A$ , the angle  $BAC$  being  $60^\circ$ , and the length of  $AB$  being double that of  $AC$ . If  $G$  be the centre of inertia of the rods, shew that  $BG = AC \sqrt{\frac{19}{12}}$ , and, if the system be suspended freely from the end  $B$  of the rod  $AB$ , shew that the action at  $A$  consists of a vertical force equal to one-third of the weight,  $W$ , of the system, and a couple whose moment is

$$\frac{2}{3}W \frac{AC}{\sqrt{19}}.$$

12. If the hinges of a gate be 4 feet apart and the gate be 10 feet wide and weigh 500 lbs., shew that, on the assumption that all the weight is borne by the lower hinge, the stress on the upper hinge must be 625 lbs. wt.

13. A step-ladder in the form of the letter A, with each of its legs inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the vertical, is placed on a horizontal floor, and is held up by a cord connecting the middle points of its legs, there being no friction anywhere; shew that, when a weight  $W$  is placed on one of the steps at a height from the floor equal to  $\frac{1}{n}$  of the height of the ladder, the increase in the tension of the cord is  $\frac{1}{n}W \tan \alpha$ .

14. A cylinder, of radius  $r$ , whose axis is fixed horizontally, touches a vertical wall along a generating line. A flat beam of uniform material, of length  $2l$  and weight  $W$ , rests with its extremities in contact with the wall and the cylinder, making an angle of  $45^\circ$  with the vertical. Shew that, in the absence of friction,  $\frac{l}{r} = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{\sqrt{10}}$ , that the pressure on the wall is  $\frac{1}{2}W$ , and that the reaction of the cylinder is  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{5}W$ .

15. A uniform rod, of length  $32a$ , rests partly within and partly without a smooth cylindrical cup of radius  $a$ . Shew that in the position of equilibrium the rod makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the horizon, and prove also that the cylinder will topple over unless its weight be at least six times that of the rod.

16. A tipping basin, whose interior surface is spherical, is free to turn round an axis at a distance  $c$  below the centre of the sphere and at a distance  $a$  above the centre of gravity of the basin, and a heavy ball is laid at the bottom of the basin; shew that it will tip over if the weight of the ball exceed the fraction  $\frac{a}{c}$  of the weight of the basin.

17. A thin hemispherical shell, closed by a plane base, is filled with water and, when suspended from a point on the rim of the base, it hangs with the base inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the vertical. Shew that the ratio of the weight of the water to that of the shell is  $\tan \alpha - \frac{1}{3} : \frac{2}{3} - \tan \alpha$ .

18. A hollow cylinder, composed of thin metal open at both ends, of radius  $a$ , is placed on a smooth horizontal plane. Inside it are placed two smooth spheres, of radius  $r$ , one above the other,  $2r$  being  $>a$  and  $<2a$ . If  $W$  be the weight of the cylinder and  $W'$  the weight of one of the spheres, shew that the cylinder will just stand upright, without tumbling over, if

$$W \cdot a = 2W' (a - r).$$

19. An isosceles triangular lamina, with its plane vertical, rests, vertex downwards, between two smooth pegs in the same horizontal line; shew that there will be equilibrium if the base make an angle  $\sin^{-1}(\cos^2 \alpha)$  with the vertical,  $2\alpha$  being the vertical angle of the lamina and the length of the base being three times the distance between the pegs.

20. A prism, whose cross section is an equilateral triangle, rests with two edges horizontal on smooth planes inclined at angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  to the horizon. If  $\theta$  be the angle that the plane through these edges makes with the vertical, shew that

$$\tan \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{3} \sin \alpha \sin \beta + \sin (\alpha + \beta)}{\sqrt{3} \sin (\alpha - \beta)}.$$

21. A thin board in the form of an equilateral triangle, of weight 1 lb., has one-quarter of its base resting on the end of a horizontal table, and is kept from falling over by a string attached to its vertex and to a point on the table in the same vertical plane as the triangle. If the length of the string be double the height of the vertex of the triangle above the base, find its tension.

22. A solid cone, of height  $h$  and semi-vertical angle  $\alpha$ , is placed with its base against a smooth vertical wall and is supported by a string attached to its vertex and to a point in the wall; shew that the greatest possible length of the string is  $h\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{3}\tan^2\alpha}$ .

23. The altitude of a cone is  $h$  and the radius of its base is  $r$ ; a string is fastened to the vertex and to a point on the circumference of the circular base, and is then put over a smooth peg; shew that, if the cone rest with its axis horizontal, the length of the string must be  $\sqrt{h^2+4r^2}$ .

24. Three equal smooth spheres on a smooth horizontal plane are in contact with one another, and are kept together by an endless string in the plane of their centres, just fitting them; if a fourth equal sphere be placed on them, shew that the tension of the string is to the weight of either sphere as  $1:3\sqrt{6}$ .

25. A smooth rod, of length  $2a$ , has one end resting on a plane of inclination  $\alpha$  to the horizon, and is supported by a horizontal rail which is parallel to the plane and at a distance  $c$  from it. Shew that the inclination  $\theta$  of the rod to the inclined plane is given by the equation  $c\sin\alpha = a\sin^2\theta\cos(\theta-\alpha)$ .

26. A square board is hung flat against a wall, by means of a string fastened to the two extremities of the upper edge and hung round a perfectly smooth rail; when the length of the string is less than the diagonal of the board, shew that there are three positions of equilibrium.

27. A hemispherical bowl, of radius  $r$ , rests on a smooth horizontal table and partly inside it rests a rod, of length  $2l$  and of weight equal to that of the bowl. Shew that the position of equilibrium is given by the equation

$$l\sin(\alpha+\beta) = r\sin\alpha = -2r\cos(\alpha+2\beta),$$

where  $\alpha$  is the inclination of the base of the hemisphere to the horizon, and  $2\beta$  is the angle subtended at the centre by the part of the rod within the bowl.

28. A uniform rod, of weight  $W$ , is suspended horizontally from two nails in a wall by means of two vertical strings, each of length  $l$ , attached to its ends. A smooth weightless wedge, of vertical angle  $30^\circ$ , is pressed down with a vertical force  $\frac{W}{2}$  between the wall and

the rod, without touching the strings, its lower edge being kept horizontal and one face touching the wall. Find the distance through which the rod is thrust from the wall.

29.  $AB$  is a smooth plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon, and at  $A$ , the lower end, is a hinge about which there works, without friction, a heavy uniform smooth plank  $AC$ , of length  $2a$ . Between the plane and the plank is placed a smooth cylinder, of radius  $r$ , which is prevented from sliding down the plane by the pressure of the plank from above. If  $W$  be the weight of the plank,  $W'$  that of the cylinder, and  $\theta$  the angle between the plane and the plank, shew that

$$\frac{W'r}{Wa} = \cos(\alpha + \theta) \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \alpha}.$$

30. Two equal circular discs—of radius  $r$ —with smooth edges, are placed on their flat sides in the corner between two smooth vertical planes inclined at an angle  $2\alpha$ , and touch each other in the line bisecting the angle; prove that the radius of the least disc that can be pressed between them, without causing them to separate, is  $r(\sec \alpha - 1)$ .

31. A rectangular frame  $ABCD$  consists of four freely jointed bars, of negligible weight, the bar  $AD$  being fixed in a vertical position. A weight is placed on the upper horizontal bar  $AB$  at a given point  $P$  and the frame is kept in a rectangular shape by a string  $AC$ . Find the tension of the string, and shew that it is unaltered if this weight be placed on the lower bar  $CD$  vertically under its former position.

32. A uniform rod  $MN$  has its ends in two fixed straight rough grooves  $OA$  and  $OB$ , in the same vertical plane, which make angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with the horizon; shew that, when the end  $M$  is on the point of slipping in the direction  $AO$ , the tangent of the angle of inclination of  $MN$  to the horizon is  $\frac{\sin(\alpha - \beta - 2\epsilon)}{2 \sin(\beta + \epsilon) \sin(\alpha - \epsilon)}$ , where  $\epsilon$  is the angle of friction.

33. A rod, resting on a rough inclined plane, whose inclination  $\alpha$  to the horizon is greater than the angle of friction  $\lambda$ , is free to turn about one of its ends, which is attached to the plane; shew that, for equilibrium, the greatest possible inclination of the rod to the line of greatest slope is  $\sin^{-1}(\tan \lambda \cot \alpha)$ .

34. Two equal uniform rods, of length  $2a$ , are jointed at one extremity by a hinge, and rest symmetrically upon a rough fixed sphere of radius  $c$ . Find the limiting position of equilibrium, and shew that, if the coefficient of friction be  $c \div a$ , the limiting inclination of each rod to the vertical is  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt[3]{c \div a}$ .

35. A uniform straight rod, of length  $2c$ , is placed in a horizontal position as high as possible within a hollow rough sphere, of radius



a. Shew that the line joining the middle point of the rod to the centre of the sphere makes with the vertical an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{\mu a}{\sqrt{a^2 - c^2}}$ .

36. A rough rod is fixed in a horizontal position, and a rod, having one end freely jointed to a fixed point, is in equilibrium resting on the fixed rod; if the perpendicular from the fixed point upon the fixed rod be of length  $b$  and be inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\alpha$ , shew that the portion of the fixed rod upon any point of which the movable rod may rest is of length

$$\frac{2\mu b \cos \alpha}{\sqrt{\sin^2 \alpha - \mu^2 \cos^2 \alpha}},$$

where  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction.

37. A glass rod is balanced, partly in and partly out of a cylindrical tumbler, with the lower end resting against the vertical side of the tumbler. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the greatest and least angles which the rod can make with the vertical, shew that the angle of friction is

$$\frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{\sin^3 \alpha - \sin^3 \beta}{\sin^2 \alpha \cos \alpha + \sin^2 \beta \cos \beta}.$$

38. A rod rests partly within and partly without a box in the shape of a rectangular parallelepiped, and presses with one end against the rough vertical side of the box, and rests in contact with the opposite smooth edge. The weight of the box being four times that of the rod, shew that if the rod be about to slip and the box be about to tumble at the same instant, the angle that the rod makes with the vertical is  $\frac{1}{2}\lambda + \frac{1}{2}\cos^{-1}(\frac{1}{3}\cos\lambda)$ , where  $\lambda$  is the angle of friction.

39. A uniform heavy rod lies on a horizontal table and is pulled perpendicularly to its length by a string attached to any point. About what point will it commence to turn?

Shew also that the ratio of the forces, required to move the rod, when applied at the centre and through the end of the rod perpendicular to the rod, is  $\sqrt{2}+1 : 1$ .

40. Two equal heavy particles are attached to a light rod at equal distances  $c$ , and two strings are attached to it at equal distances  $a$  from the middle point; the rod is then placed on a rough horizontal table, and the strings are pulled in directions perpendicular to the rod and making the same angle  $\theta$  with the vertical on opposite sides of the rod. Find the least tensions that will turn the rod and shew that, if the coefficient of friction be  $\frac{a}{c}$ , the tension will be least when  $\theta$  is  $45^\circ$ .

41. Two equal similar bodies,  $A$  and  $B$ , each of weight  $W$ , are connected by a light string and rest on a rough horizontal plane,



the coefficient of friction being  $\mu$ . A force  $P$ , which is less than  $2\mu W$ , is applied at  $A$  in the direction  $BA$ , and its direction is gradually turned through an angle  $\theta$  in the horizontal plane. Shew that, if  $P$  be greater than  $\sqrt{2\mu W}$ , then both the weights will slip when  $\cos \theta = \frac{P}{2\mu W}$ , but, if  $P$  be less than  $\sqrt{2\mu W}$  and be greater than  $\mu W$ , then  $A$  alone will slip when  $\sin \theta = \frac{\mu W}{P}$ .

42. A beam  $AB$  lies horizontally upon two others at points  $A$  and  $C$ ; shew that the least horizontal force applied at  $B$  in a direction perpendicular to  $BA$ , which is able to move the beam, is the lesser of the two forces  $\frac{1}{2}\mu W$  and  $\mu W \frac{b-a}{2a-b}$ , where  $AB$  is  $2a$ ,  $AC$  is  $b$ ,  $W$  is the weight of the beam, and  $\mu$  the coefficient of friction.

43. A rough beam  $AB$ , of length  $2a$ , is placed horizontally on two equal and equally rough balls, the distance between whose centres is  $b$ , touching them in  $C$  and  $D$ ; shew that, if  $b$  be not greater than  $\frac{4a}{3}$ , a position of the beam can be found in which a force  $P$  exerted at  $B$  perpendicular to the beam will cause it to be on the point of motion both at  $C$  and  $D$  at the same time.

44. A uniform heavy beam is placed, in a horizontal position, between two unequally rough fixed planes, inclined to the horizon at given angles, in a vertical plane perpendicular to the planes. Find the condition that it may rest there.

45. A uniform rod is in limiting equilibrium, one end resting on a rough horizontal plane and the other on an equally rough plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon. If  $\lambda$  be the angle of friction, and the rod be in a vertical plane, shew that the inclination,  $\theta$ , of the rod to the horizon is given by

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin (\alpha - 2\lambda)}{2 \sin \lambda \sin (\alpha - \lambda)}.$$

Find also the normal reactions of the planes.

46. If a pair of compasses rest across a smooth horizontal cylinder of radius  $c$ , shew that the frictional couple at the joint to prevent the legs of the compasses from slipping must be

$$W(c \cot \alpha \operatorname{cosec} \alpha - a \sin \alpha),$$

where  $W$  is the weight of each leg,  $2\alpha$  the angle between the legs, and  $a$  the distance of the centre of gravity of a leg from the joint.

47. The handles of a drawer are equidistant from the sides of the drawer and are distant  $c$  from each other; shew that it will be impossible to pull the drawer out by pulling one handle, unless the length of the drawer from back to front exceed  $\mu c$ .

48. If one cord of a sash-window break, find the least coefficient of friction between the sash and the window-frame in order that the other weight may still support the window.

49. A circular hoop, of radius one foot, hangs on a horizontal bar and a man hangs by one hand from the hoop. If the coefficient of friction between the hoop and the bar be  $1 \div \sqrt{3}$  find the shortest possible distance from the man's hand to the bar, the weight of the hoop being neglected.

50. A square, of side  $2a$ , is placed with its plane vertical between two smooth pegs, which are in the same horizontal line and at a distance  $c$ ; shew that it will be in equilibrium when the inclination of one of its edges to the horizon is either  $45^\circ$  or  $\frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} \frac{a^2 - c^2}{c^2}$ .

51. Three equal circular discs,  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$ , are placed in contact with each other upon a smooth horizontal plane, and, in addition,  $B$  and  $C$  are in contact with a rough vertical wall. If the coefficient of friction between the circumferences of the discs and also between the discs and wall be  $2 - \sqrt{3}$ , shew that no motion will ensue when  $A$  is pushed perpendicularly towards the wall with any force  $P$ .

52. If the centre of gravity of a wheel and axle be at a distance  $a$  from the axis, shew that the wheel can rest with the plane through the axis and the centre of gravity inclined at an angle less than  $\theta$  with the vertical, given by  $\sin \theta = \frac{b}{a} \sin \phi$ , where  $\phi$  is the angle of friction, and  $b$  is the radius of the axle.

53. A particle, of weight  $w$ , rests on a rough inclined plane, of weight  $W$ , whose base rests on a rough table, the coefficients of friction being the same. If a gradually increasing force be applied to the particle  $w$  along the surface of the inclined plane, find whether it will move up the plane before the plane slides on the table, the angle of inclination of the plane being  $\alpha$ .

54. A rough cylinder, of weight  $W'$ , lies with its axis horizontal upon a plane, whose inclination to the horizontal is  $\alpha$ , whilst a man, of weight  $W$  (with his body vertical), stands upon the cylinder and keeps it at rest. If his feet be at  $A$  and a vertical section of the cylinder through  $A$  touch the plane at  $B$ , shew that the angle,  $\theta$ , subtended by  $AB$  at the centre of the section, the friction being sufficient to prevent any sliding, is given by the equation

$$W \sin (\theta + \alpha) = (W + W') \sin \alpha.$$

55. Two rough uniform spheres, of equal radii but unequal weights  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , rest in a spherical bowl, the line joining their centres being horizontal and subtending an angle  $2\alpha$  at the centre of the bowl; shew that the coefficient of friction between them is not less than

$$\frac{W_1 - W_2}{W_1 + W_2} \tan \left( 45^\circ - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right).$$

56. Two rigid weightless rods are firmly jointed, so as to be at right angles, a weight being fixed at their junction, and are placed over two rough pegs in the same horizontal plane, whose coefficients of friction are  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$ . Shew that they can be turned either way from their symmetrical position through an angle  $\frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{\mu + \mu'}{2}$ , without slipping.

57. A sphere, of weight  $W$ , is placed on a rough plane, inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\alpha$ , which is less than the angle of friction; shew that a weight  $W \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha - \sin \alpha}$ , fastened to the sphere at the upper end of the diameter which is parallel to the plane, will just prevent the sphere from rolling down the plane.

What will be the effect of slightly decreasing or slightly increasing this weight?

58. Two equal uniform rods are joined rigidly together at one extremity of each to form a V, with the angle at the vertex  $2\alpha$ , and are placed astride a rough vertical circle of such a radius that the centre of gravity of the V is in the circumference of the circle, the angle of friction being  $\epsilon$ . Shew that, if the V be just on the point of motion when the line joining its vertex with the centre of the circle is horizontal, then  $\sin \epsilon = \sqrt{\sin \alpha}$ .

If the rods be connected by a hinge and not rigidly connected and the free ends be joined by a string, shew that the joining string will not meet the circle if  $\sin \alpha$  be  $< \frac{1}{3}$ ; if this condition be satisfied, shew that if the V is just on the point of slipping when the line joining its vertex to the centre is horizontal, the tension of the string will be  $\frac{W}{2} \sqrt{1 + \operatorname{cosec} \alpha}$ , where  $W$  is the weight of either rod.

59. A rectangular beam, of weight  $W$ , is constrained by guides to move only in its own direction, the lower end resting on a smooth floor. If a smooth inclined plane of given slope be pushed under it by a horizontal force acting at the back of the inclined plane, find the force required.

If there be friction between the floor and the inclined plane, but nowhere else, what must be the least value of  $\mu$  so that the inclined plane may remain, when left in a given position under the beam, without being forced out?

60. In a wheel and axle, if the axle rest on rough bearings, shew that the least power which, acting downwards, will raise a weight  $W$  is  $\frac{b(1 + \sin \lambda)}{a - b \sin \lambda} W$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are the radii of the wheel and axle, and  $\lambda$  is the angle of friction.

61. Two small rings, each of weight  $W$ , slide one upon each of two rods in a vertical plane, each inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the vertical; the rings are connected by a fine elastic string of natural length  $2a$ , and whose modulus of elasticity is  $\lambda$ ; the coefficient of friction for each rod and ring is  $\tan \beta$ ; shew that, if the string be horizontal, each ring will rest at any point of a segment of the rod whose length is

$$W\lambda^{-1} a \operatorname{cosec} \alpha \{ \cot (\alpha - \beta) - \cot (\alpha + \beta) \}.$$

62. A wedge, with angle  $60^\circ$ , is placed upon a smooth table, and a weight of 20 lbs. on the slant face is supported by a string lying on that face which, after passing through a smooth ring at the top, supports a weight  $W$  hanging vertically; find the magnitude of  $W$ .

Find also the horizontal force necessary to keep the wedge at rest

(1) when the ring is not attached to the wedge,

(2) when it is so attached.

Solve the same question supposing the slant face of the wedge to be rough, the coefficient of friction being  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  and the 20 lb. weight on the point of moving down.

63. Shew that the power necessary to move a cylinder, of radius  $r$  and weight  $W$ , up a smooth plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon by means of a crowbar of length  $l$  inclined at an angle  $\beta$  to the horizon is

$$\frac{Wr}{l} \frac{\sin \alpha}{1 + \cos (\alpha + \beta)}.$$

64. A letter-weighter consists of a uniform plate in the form of a right-angled isosceles triangle  $ABC$ , of mass 3 ozs., which is suspended by its right angle  $C$  from a fixed point to which a plumb-line is also attached. The letters are suspended from the angle  $A$ , and their weight read off by observing where the plumb-line intersects a scale engraved along  $AB$ , the divisions of which are marked 1 oz., 2 oz., 3 oz., etc. Shew that the distances from  $A$  of the divisions of the scale form a harmonic progression.

65. A ladder, of length  $l$  feet and weight  $W$  lbs., and uniform in every respect throughout, is raised by two men  $A$  and  $B$  from a horizontal to a vertical position.  $A$  stands at one end and  $B$ , getting underneath the ladder, walks from the other end towards  $A$  holding successive points of the ladder above his head, at the height of  $d$  feet from the ground, the force he exerts being vertical. Find the force exerted by  $B$  when thus supporting a point  $n$  feet from  $A$ , and shew that the work done by him in passing from the  $n^{\text{th}}$  to the  $(n-1)^{\text{th}}$  foot is  $\frac{Wld}{2n(n-1)}.$

When must  $A$  press his feet downwards against his end of the ladder?



66. Prove that an ordinary drawer cannot be pushed in by a force applied to one handle until it has been pushed in a distance  $a \cdot \mu$  by forces applied in some other manner, where  $a$  is the distance between the handles and  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction.

67. Three equal uniform rods, each of weight  $W$ , have their ends hinged together so that they form an equilateral triangle; the triangle rests in a horizontal position with each rod in contact with a smooth cone of semivertical angle  $\alpha$  whose axis is vertical; prove that the action at each hinge is  $\frac{W \cot \alpha}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

68. A reel, consisting of a spindle of radius  $c$  with two circular ends of radius  $a$ , is placed on a rough inclined plane and has a thread wound on it which unwinds when the reel rolls downwards. If  $\mu$  be the coefficient of friction and  $\alpha$  be the inclination of the plane to the horizontal, shew that the reel can be drawn up the plane by means of the thread if  $\mu$  be not less than  $\frac{c \sin \alpha}{a - c \cos \alpha}$ .

69. Prove the following geometrical construction for the centre of gravity of any uniform plane quadrilateral  $ABCD$ ; find the centres of gravity,  $X$  and  $Y$ , of the triangles  $ABD$ ,  $CBD$ ; let  $XY$  meet  $BD$  in  $U$ ; then the required centre of gravity is a point  $G$  on  $XY$ , such that  $YG = XU$ .

70. There is a small interval between the bottom of a door and the floor, and a wedge of no appreciable weight is thrust into this interval, the coefficient of friction between its base and the floor being known. If the angle of the wedge be smaller than a certain amount, shew that no force can open the door, the slant edge of the wedge being supposed smooth.

71. On the top of a fixed rough cylinder, of radius  $r$ , rests a thin uniform plank, and a man stands on the plank just above the point of contact. Shew that he can walk slowly a distance  $(n+1)re$  along the plank without its slipping off the cylinder, if the weight of the plank is  $n$  times that of the man and  $\epsilon$  is the angle of friction between the plank and the cylinder.

72. A hoop stands in a vertical plane on a rough incline which the plane of the hoop cuts in a line of greatest slope. It is kept in equilibrium by a string fastened to a point in the circumference, wound round it, and fastened to a peg in the incline further up and in the same plane. If  $\lambda$  is the angle of friction,  $\theta$  the angle the hoop subtends at the peg, and  $\alpha$  that of the incline, shew that there is limiting equilibrium when  $\theta = \alpha + \cos^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sin(\alpha - \lambda)}{\sin \lambda} \right]$ . What will happen if  $\theta$  has a greater value?



73. Shew that the least force which applied to the surface of a heavy uniform sphere will just maintain it in equilibrium against a rough vertical wall is

$$W \cos \epsilon \text{ or } W \tan \epsilon [\tan \epsilon - \sqrt{\tan^2 \epsilon - 1}]$$

according as  $\epsilon < \text{or} > \cos^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$ , where  $W$  is the weight and  $\epsilon$  the angle of friction.

74. A uniform rod, of weight  $W$ , can turn freely about a hinge at one end, and rests with the other against a rough vertical wall making an angle  $\alpha$  with the wall. Shew that this end may rest anywhere on an arc of a circle of angle  $2 \tan^{-1} [\mu \tan \alpha]$ , and that in either of the extreme positions the pressure on the wall is  $\frac{1}{2}W [\cot^2 \alpha + \mu^2]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction.

75. If the greatest possible cube be cut out of a solid hemisphere of uniform density, prove that the remainder can rest with its curved surface on a perfectly rough inclined plane with its base inclined to the horizon at an angle

$$\sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{8(3\pi - \sqrt{6})}{9\pi - 8} \sin \alpha \right],$$

where  $\alpha$  is the slope of the inclined plane.

76. A cylindrical cork, of length  $l$  and radius  $r$ , is slowly extracted from the neck of a bottle. If the normal pressure per unit of area between the bottle and the unextracted part of the cork at any instant be constant and equal to  $P$ , shew that the work done in extracting it is  $\pi \mu r l^2 P$ , where  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction.



## ANSWERS TO THE EXAMPLES.

### I. (Page 14.)

1. (i) 25; (ii)  $3\sqrt{3}$ ; (iii) 13; (iv)  $\sqrt{61}$ ; (v)  $60^\circ$ ;  
(vi) 15 or  $\sqrt{505}$ ; (vii) 3.
2. 20 lbs. wt.; 4 lbs. wt.
3.  $\sqrt{2}$  lbs. wt. in a direction south-west.      4. 205 lbs. wt.
5.  $P$  lbs. wt. at right angles to the first component.
6. 2 lbs. wt.      7. 20 lbs. wt.      8. 17 lbs. wt.
9.  $60^\circ$ .      10. 3 lbs. wt.; 1 lb. wt.
11. (i)  $120^\circ$ ; (ii)  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{7}{8}\right)$ , *i.e.*  $151^\circ 3'$ .
12.  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{A^2+B^2}{A^2-B^2}\right)$ .
13. In the direction of the resultant of the two given forces.

### II. (Page 18.)

1.  $5\sqrt{3}$  and 5 lbs. wt.      2. (i)  $\frac{1}{2}P\sqrt{2}$ ; (ii)  $\frac{1}{3}P$ .
3. 50 lbs. wt.      4. Each is  $\frac{1}{3}100\sqrt{3}$ , *i.e.*  $57.735$ , lbs. wt.
5. 36.603 and 44.83 lbs. wt. nearly.
6.  $P(\sqrt{3}-1)$  and  $\frac{P}{2}(\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2})$ .
8.  $F\sqrt{3}$  and  $2F$ .      9.  $F\sqrt{2}$  at  $135^\circ$  with the other component.
10.  $10\sqrt{5}$  at an angle  $\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{2}$  (*i.e.*  $22.36$  at  $26^\circ 34'$ ) with the vertical.

### III. (Page 24.)

1.  $1:1:\sqrt{3}$ .      2.  $\sqrt{3}:1:2$ .      3.  $120^\circ$ .
4.  $90^\circ$ ,  $112^\circ 37'$  ( $=180^\circ - \cos^{-1}\frac{5}{13}$ ), and  $157^\circ 23'$ .

## IV. (Pages 29—31.)

1. 40.
2.  $\cos^{-1} \left( -\frac{1}{4} \right)$ , *i.e.*  $104^{\circ} 29'$ .
3.  $2\sqrt{3}$  and  $\sqrt{3}$  lbs. wt.
4.  $15\sqrt{3}$  and 15 lbs. wt.
5. 5 : 4.
6. 5 and 13.
9. 12 lbs. wt.
16. The straight line passes through *C* and the middle point of *AB*.
19. The required point bisects the line joining the middle points of the diagonals.
20. Through *B* draw *BL*, parallel to *AC*, to meet *CD* in *L*; bisect *DL* in *X*; the resultant is a force through *X*, parallel to *AD*, and equal to twice *AD*.

## V. (Page 36.)

1. 4 lbs. wt. in the direction *AQ*.
2.  $\sqrt{50+32}\sqrt{2}$  at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{7+4\sqrt{2}}{17}$ , *i.e.*  $9^{\circ} 76$  lbs. wt. at  $36^{\circ} 40'$ , with the first force.
3.  $2P$  in the direction of the middle force.
4.  $7P$  at  $\cos^{-1} \frac{11}{14}$ , *i.e.*  $38^{\circ} 13'$ , with the third force.
5.  $\sqrt{3}P$  at  $30^{\circ}$  with the third force.
6. 12.31 making an angle  $\tan^{-1} 5$ , *i.e.*  $78^{\circ} 41'$ , with *AB*.
7. 14.24 lbs. wt.
8. 5 lbs. wt. opposite the second force.
9.  $\frac{1}{4}P(\sqrt{5}+1)\sqrt{10+2\sqrt{5}}$  bisecting the angle between *Q* and *R*.
10. 10 lbs. wt. towards the opposite angular point.
11.  $\sqrt{125+68}\sqrt{3}$  lbs. wt. at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{64+19\sqrt{3}}{23}$ , *i.e.* 15.58 lbs. wt. at  $76^{\circ} 39'$ , with the first force.
13.  $P \times 5.027$  towards the opposite angular point of the octagon.
14. (i) 17.79 lbs. wt. at  $66^{\circ} 29'$  with the fixed line;  
(ii) 9.40 lbs. wt. at  $39^{\circ} 45'$  with the fixed line;  
(iii) 39.50 lbs. wt. at  $111^{\circ} 46'$  with the fixed line.

## VI. (Pages 40—42.)

1.  $\frac{W}{2}(\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2})$ ;  $W(\sqrt{3}-1)$ .
2.  $2\frac{2}{3}$  and  $3\frac{1}{3}$  lbs. wt.
3. 126 and 32 lbs. wt.
4. 56 and 42 lbs. wt.
5. 48 and 36 lbs. wt.
6. 4, 8, and 12 lbs. wt.
7. *W*.
8. 120 lbs. wt.

9. The inclined portions of the string make  $60^\circ$  with the vertical and the pressure is  $W\sqrt{3}$ .

10. 7.23 lbs. wt.

11. The weights are equal.

12. 1.34 inches.

13.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $9\frac{3}{8}$  lbs. wt.

14. 14 lbs. wt.

15. 6 ft. 5 ins.; 2 ft. 4 ins.

16. They are each equal to the weight of the body.

18.  $2P \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$ , where  $\alpha$  is the angle at the bit between the two portions of the rein.

20.  $\frac{W}{2} \sec \frac{C}{2}$ .

22.  $W$ ;  $W\sqrt{2}$ .

### VII. (Pages 48—50.)

1. (i)  $R=11$ ,  $AC=7$  ins.; (ii)  $R=30$ ,  $AC=1$  ft. 7 ins.;

(iii)  $R=10$ ,  $AC=1$  ft. 6 ins.

2. (i)  $R=8$ ,  $AC=25$  ins.; (ii)  $R=8$ ,  $AC=-75$  ins.;

(iii)  $R=17$ ,  $AC=-19\frac{1}{7}$  ins.

3. (i)  $Q=9$ ,  $AB=8\frac{1}{2}$  ins.; (ii)  $P=2\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $R=13\frac{3}{4}$ ;

(iii)  $Q=6\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $R=12\frac{3}{4}$ .

4. (i)  $Q=25$ ,  $AB=3\frac{3}{8}$  ins.; (ii)  $P=24\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $R=13\frac{3}{4}$ ;

(iii)  $Q=2\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $R=3\frac{1}{2}$ .

5. 15 and 5 lbs. wt.

6.  $43\frac{1}{2}$  and  $13\frac{1}{8}$  lbs. wt.

8. 98 and 70 lbs. wt.

9. The block must be 2 ft. from the stronger man.

10. 4 ft. 3 ins.

11. 1 lb. wt.

12. 1 foot.

13. 20 lbs.; 4 ins.; 8 ins.

14.  $14\frac{2}{3}$  ins.;  $10\frac{2}{3}$  ins.

16. 40 and 35 lbs. wt.

17.  $\frac{1}{2}W$ .

18. The force varies inversely as the distance between his hand and his shoulder.

19. (i) 100 and 150 lbs. wt.; (ii) 50 and 100 lbs. wt.; (iii) 25 and 75 lbs. wt.

20. 1 lb. wt. at 5 ft. from the first.

### VIII. (Pages 62—64.)

1. 10.1.

2.  $5\sqrt{3}$  ft.-lbs.

3.  $75\sqrt{3}=129.9$  lbs. wt.

4. 3 ft. 8 ins. from the 6 lb. wt.

5. At a point distant 6.6 feet from the 20 lbs.



6.  $2\frac{5}{7}$  ft. from the end.
7.  $2\frac{2}{3}$  lbs.
8.  $2\frac{1}{3}$  lbs.
9. (1) 4 tons wt. each ; (2)  $4\frac{1}{3}$  tons wt.,  $3\frac{2}{3}$  tons wt.
10.  $B$  is 3 inches from the peg.
11.  $\frac{9}{7}$  cwt.
12. One-quarter of the length of the beam.
13. 55 lbs. wt.
14. The weight is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. and the point is  $8\frac{1}{2}$  ins. from the 5 lb. wt.
15. 3 ozs.
16.  $85\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $85\frac{1}{2}$ , and 29 lbs. wt.
17. 96, 96 and 46 lbs. wt.
18.  $1\frac{1}{4}$  ins. from the axle.
19.  $2\sqrt{2}$  lbs. wt., parallel to  $CA$ , and cutting  $AD$  at  $P$ , where  $AP$  equals  $\frac{3}{2}AD$ .
20.  $2P$  acting along  $DC$ .
21. The resultant is parallel to  $AC$  and cuts  $AD$  at  $P$ , where  $AP$  is  $\frac{2}{3}$  ft.
22.  $20\sqrt{5}$  lbs. wt. cutting  $AB$  and  $AD$  in points distant from  $A$  8 ft. and 16 ft. respectively.
23.  $P\sqrt{3}$  perpendicular to  $BC$  and cutting it at  $Q$  where  $BQ$  is  $\frac{3}{2}BC$ .
29. The required height is  $\frac{1}{2}l\sqrt{2}$ , where  $l$  is the length of the rope.
31. A straight line dividing the exterior angle between the two forces into two angles the inverse ratio of whose sines is equal to the ratio of the forces.

## IX. (Page 69.)

2. 9 ft.-lbs.
3. 6.
4. A force equal, parallel, and opposite, to the force at  $C$ , and acting at a point  $C'$  in  $AC$ , such that  $CC'$  is  $\frac{2}{3}AB$ .

## X. (Pages 82—85.)

2.  $45^\circ$ .
3.  $10\sqrt{2}$  and 10 lbs. wt.
4. The length of the string is  $AC$ .
5.  $\frac{2}{3}W\sqrt{3}$ ;  $\frac{1}{3}W\sqrt{3}$ .
8.  $\frac{a}{l}$  must be  $< 1$  and  $> \frac{1}{2}$ .
12.  $\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{5}$  and  $\frac{9}{2}\sqrt{5}$  lbs. wt.
14.  $W\operatorname{cosec} a$  and  $W\cot a$ .
15.  $\frac{1}{3}W\sqrt{3}$ .
16.  $30^\circ$ ;  $\frac{2}{3}W\sqrt{3}$ ;  $\frac{1}{3}W\sqrt{3}$ .
17.  $\sqrt{7} : 2\sqrt{3}$ .
18.  $\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{3}$  lbs. wt.
19.  $6\frac{2}{3}$  lbs. wt.
21.  $h\sqrt{k^2 + a^2 \sin^2 a} / (h + a \cos a)$ , where  $2a$  is the height of the picture.
22. The pressures are  $\frac{b}{a+b} \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2 - ab}} W$  and  $\frac{a}{a+b} \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2 - ab}} W$ .

## XI. (Pages 95—98.)

1.  $\frac{1}{4}W\sqrt{3}$ .
2.  $\frac{1}{4}W\sqrt{3}$ .
4.  $\frac{1}{2}W\cot\alpha$ ;  $\frac{5}{8}W\cot\alpha$ .
6.  $\frac{W\sin\beta}{\sin(\alpha+\beta)}$ ;  $\frac{W\sin\alpha}{\sin(\alpha+\beta)}$ ;  $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\cot\beta - \cot\alpha}{2}\right)$ .
8.  $\frac{3}{8}$  lb. wt.
11.  $AC = a$ ; the tension  $= 2W\sqrt{3}$ .
14. The pressures at the edge and the base are respectively 3.24 and 4.8134 ozs. wt.
15.  $W \cdot r/2 \sqrt{R^2 - r^2}$ .
18.  $W \frac{a}{b}$ .
23.  $\frac{1}{8}W\sqrt{6}$ .
24. 133 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 166 $\frac{2}{3}$  lbs. wt.
26. 17 $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{3}{8}$  lbs. wt.
27. 20 lbs. wt.

## XII. (Page 101.)

1. The force is  $4\sqrt{2}$  lbs. wt. inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the third force, and the moment of the couple is  $10a$ , where  $a$  is the side of the square.
2. The force is  $5P\sqrt{2}$ , parallel to  $DB$ , and the moment of the couple is  $3Pa$ , where  $a$  is the side of the square.
3. The force is 6 lbs. wt., parallel to  $CB$ , and the moment of the couple is  $\frac{21\sqrt{3}a}{2}$ , where  $a$  is the side of the hexagon.

## XIII. (Pages 105, 106.)

1. The side makes an angle  $\tan^{-1}(2)$  with the horizon.
2. 15a.
3.  $(n+2)\sqrt{b^2+c^2}$ .
4. A weight equal to the weight of the table.
6. 10 lbs.
7. On the line joining the centre to the leg which is opposite the missing leg, and at a distance from the centre equal to one-third of the diagonal of the square.
8. 120 lbs.
9.  $\sin^{-1} \frac{p}{p+w}$ .
11. The pressure on  $A$  is  $W \frac{\cos A}{2 \sin B \sin C}$ .

## XIV. (Pages 116, 117.)

1.  $1\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $1\frac{2}{3}$ , and  $1\frac{3}{8}$  feet.
2. 2,  $2\frac{2}{3}$ , and  $1\frac{3}{8}$  feet.
3.  $2\sqrt{5}$ , 3, and 3 inches.
6. The pressure at the point  $A$  of the triangle is  $\frac{w}{3} + W \frac{a}{c \sin B}$ , where  $a$  is the perpendicular distance of the weight  $W$  from the side  $BC$ .
10.  $60^\circ$ .
12.  $\cos^{-1} \frac{7}{8}$ , i.e.  $73^\circ 44'$ .

## XV. (Pages 120, 121.)

1.  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches from the end.
2. 15 inches from the end.
3.  $2\frac{5}{8}$  feet.
4.  $\frac{3}{11}$  inch from the middle.
5.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the first particle.
6. It divides the distance between the two extreme weights in the ratio of 7 : 2.
7. 5 : 1.
8. 1.335... feet.
9.  $\frac{2n}{3}$  inches.
10. 12 lbs.; the middle point of the rod.

## XVI. (Pages 125, 126.)

1. One-fifth of the side of the square.
2.  $\frac{3a}{4}$  from  $AB$ ;  $\frac{a}{4}$  from  $AD$ .
3. At a point whose distances from  $AB$  and  $AD$  are 16 and 15 inches respectively.
4.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  and  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches.
5.  $\frac{a}{6}\sqrt{19}$ ;  $\frac{a}{30}\sqrt{283}$ .
7. At the centre of gravity of the lamina.
8.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  and  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches.
10. 2 : 1 : 1.
12. At a point whose distances from  $BC$  and  $CA$  are respectively  $\frac{3}{15}$ ths and  $\frac{4}{15}$ ths of the distances of  $A$  and  $B$  from the same two lines.
14. It divides the line joining the centre to the fifth weight in the ratio of 5 : 9.
18. One quarter of the side of the square.
20.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches from  $A$ .
21. It passes through the centre of the circle inscribed in the triangle.

## XVII. (Pages 130--132.)

1.  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches from the joint.
2.  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches from the lower end of the figure.
3. It divides the beam in the ratio of 5 : 11.
4. At the centre of the base of the triangle.
5.  $7\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

7. One inch from the centre of the larger sphere.
8. Its distance from the centre of the parallelogram is one-ninth of a side.
9. The distance from the centre is one-twelfth of the diagonal.
10. The distance from the centre is  $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the diagonal of the square.
11. It divides the line joining the middle points of the opposite parallel sides in the ratio of 5 : 7.
12.  $\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{3}$  inches from  $O$ .
14.  $\frac{5a}{18}$ .
15.  $A'$  bisects  $AD$ , where  $D$  is the middle point of  $BC$ .
16. It divides  $GA$  in the ratio  $\sqrt{m-1} : m\sqrt{m-3}\sqrt{m+1}$ .
17. The height of the triangle is  $\frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{2}$  side of the square.
18.  $\frac{15}{16}$  inches from the centre.
19. The centre of the hole must be 16 inches from the centre of the disc.
20. It is at a distance  $\frac{b^3}{a^2+ab+b^2}$  from the centre of the larger sphere.
21.  $\frac{4}{3}h$ , where  $h$  is the height of the cone.
22. 13.532 inches.
23. The height,  $x$ , of the part scooped out is one-third of the height of the cone.

## XVIII. (Pages 138—140.)

1. By 7, 8, and 9 lbs. wt. respectively.
2.  $1\frac{7}{10}$  inch.
6. 5 : 4.
10. At the centre of gravity of the triangle.
14.  $2\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{3}$ .
15.  $\sqrt{6} : 1$ .
16. The height of the cone must be to the height of the cylinder as  $2-\sqrt{2} : 1$ .
19. It divides the axis of the original cone in the ratio 3 : 5.

## XIX. (Pages 151—153.)

1.  $6\frac{2}{3}$  inches.
2.  $\frac{6}{\sqrt[3]{\pi}}$  inches.
4.  $\frac{W}{6}$ .
7. 120;  $1\frac{1}{2}$ th.
8. 18 if they overlap in the direction of their lengths, and 8 if in the direction of their breadths.
11.  $\sqrt{3}$  times the radius of the hemisphere. 12.  $1:\sqrt{2}$ . 14.  $4r$ .
18. The string makes an angle  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{W \sin \alpha}{P}\right)$  with the plane where  $\alpha$  is its inclination to the horizon; the equilibrium is stable.
19. The line from the fixed point to the centre is inclined at an angle  $\sin^{-1}\left[\frac{W-w}{p+W+w} \frac{r}{c}\right]$  to the vertical; the equilibrium is stable.

## XX. (Pages 160—162.)

1. 5 feet.
2. 4 feet from the first weight; toward the first weight.
3. 11 : 9.
4. 2 lbs.
6. 4 lbs.
7.  $9\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.
8. 6 ins. from the 27 ounces;  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch.
9. 1 foot.
10. 360 stone wt.
11. 21 lbs. wt.
12. 15 lbs. wt.
13.  $2\sqrt{2}$  at  $45^\circ$  to the lever.
14. 50 lbs. wt.
15. The long arm makes an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}$  with the horizon.
16.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. wt.
19. 20 lbs.
20. The weight of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.
21.  $\frac{n}{6}(\sqrt{3}-1)a$ .

## XXI. (Pages 167, 168.)

1. (i) 320; (ii) 7; (iii) 3.
2. (i) 7; (ii)  $45\frac{1}{2}$ ; (iii) 7; (iv) 6.
3. 290 lbs.
4.  $10\frac{3}{4}$  lbs.
5. 5 lbs.
7. 5 lbs.
9. 49 lbs.; 1 lb. each.
10.  $4w$ ;  $21w$ .
12.  $9\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. wt.
13. 18 lbs. wt.



## XXII. (Page 170.)

1. 6 lbs.
2. 4 strings; 2 lbs.
3. 47 lbs.; 6 pulleys.
4. 7 strings; 14 lbs.
5.  $\frac{W}{n+1}$ , where  $n$  is the number of strings.
6. 9 stone wt.
7. The cable would support  $2\frac{1}{4}$  tons.

## XXIII. (Pages 175, 176.)

1. (i) 30 lbs.; (ii) 4 lbs.; (iii) 4.
2. (i) 161 lbs. wt.; (ii) 16 lbs. wt.; (iii)  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb.; (iv) 5.
3. 10 lbs. wt.; the point required divides the distance between the first two strings in the ratio of 23 : 5.
4.  $1\frac{1}{3}$  inch from the end.
5.  $18\frac{2}{3}$ .
6.  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from the end.
8.  $W = 7P + 4w$ ; 8 ozs.; 1 lb. wt.
9. 4; 1050 lbs.
10. 4.
12.  $W = P(2^n - 1) + W'(2^{n-1} - 1)$ .

## XXIV. (Pages 181, 182.)

1. 12 lbs. wt.; 20 lbs. wt.
2.  $30^\circ$ ;  $W \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .
3. 103.92 lbs. wt.
5. 3 : 4;  $2P$ .
6.  $\sqrt{3} : 1$ .
7.  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$ ;  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$  to the plane.
8.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  lbs. wt.;  $\frac{7}{\sqrt{3}}$  lbs. wt.
9. 6 lbs. wt.
11.  $16\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.
12.  $\frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta - \sin \alpha}$  tons.
14. The point divides the string in the ratio 1 :  $\sin \alpha$ .
16. 17.374 lbs. wt.; 46.884 lbs. wt.
17. 10.318 lbs. wt.; 12.208 lbs. wt.
18. 16.12 lbs. wt.; 34.056 lbs. wt.

## XXV. (Pages 186, 187.)

1. 7 lbs. wt.
2. 120 lbs. wt.; 70 lbs. wt. on each;  $110\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. wt.
3. 20 inches.
4. 7 feet.
5.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  tons.
6. 3 lbs. wt.
7. 55 lbs.
8.  $23\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. wt.
9.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. wt.
10. 360 lbs.
11. 120 lbs.

## XXVI. (Pages 194—196.)

1. 11 lbs.
2.  $26\frac{1}{4}$  lbs.
3. 2 ozs.
4. 2 : 3 ; 6 lbs.
5.  $24\cdot494$  lbs.
6.  $5 : \sqrt{26}$ .
7.  $\frac{3}{4}\sqrt{110}$  inches ;  $\sqrt{110}$  lbs.
9. 2s. 3d. ; 1s.  $9\frac{1}{2}$ d.
10. He will lose one shilling.
12.  $10 : \sqrt{101}$  ;  $\sqrt{101} : 10$ .
13.  $\frac{P-Q}{2}$  ;  $\frac{P+Q}{2}$ .
14.  $w - P : P - w' ; \frac{ww' - P^2}{P - w'}$ .
15.  $R - \frac{(Q-R)^2}{P-Q}$ .
16. 16 lbs.

## XXVII. (Pages 200, 201.)

1.  $34\frac{5}{8}$  inches from the fulcrum.
2. 2 inches from the end ; 1 inch.
3. 32 inches from the fulcrum.
4.  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch ;  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.
5. 4 inches.
6. 16 lbs. ; 8 inches beyond the point of attachment of the weight.
7.  $\frac{3}{8}$  lb. ;  $1\frac{3}{8}$  lb.
8. 26 lbs. ; 15 lbs. ; 10 inches from the fulcrum.
9. 3 lbs.
10.  $15\frac{7}{8}$  lbs. ;  $6\frac{7}{8}$  lbs. ; 4 inches.
11. It is 10 inches from the point at which the weight is attached.
12. 3 ozs.
13. 30 inches.
15. The machine being graduated to shew lbs. the weights indicated must each be increased by  $\frac{1}{4}$ th of a lb.
16. The numbers marked on the machine must each be increased by  $\frac{x}{y} \frac{W}{10}$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are respectively the distances of the centre of gravity of the machine and its end from the fulcrum, and  $W$  is the weight of the machine.
17. He cheats his customers, or himself, according as he decreases, or increases, the movable weight.

## XXVIII. (Page 208.)

(In the following examples  $\pi$  is taken to be  $2\frac{2}{7}$ .)

1. 4400 lbs.
2.  $5\frac{1}{11}$  inches.
3.  $2\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. wt.
4.  $1\frac{3}{11}$  lbs. wt.
5.  $4\frac{3}{11}$  lbs. wt.
6.  $13\frac{3}{11}$  tons wt.
7.  $6\frac{3}{11}$  tons wt.
8.  $50\frac{3}{11}$  lbs. wt.
9.  $4\frac{3}{11}$  inches.
10.  $4525\frac{3}{11}$ .
11.  $5430\frac{3}{11}$ .

## XXIX. (Pages 217, 218.)

1. 10 lbs. wt.;  $12\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. wt.;  $10\sqrt{17}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{17}$  lbs. wt. respectively, inclined at an angle  $\tan^{-1} 4$  with the horizontal.

2.  $\frac{P}{W} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} = .4714.$

3.  $10\sqrt{10}$  lbs. wt. at an angle  $\tan^{-1} 3$  with the horizon.

6.  $\frac{1}{4}.$                       7.  $\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{3}$  lbs. wt.                      9.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{15}.$

10.  $\sin \beta = \sin \alpha + \mu \cos \alpha.$

11.  $\tan^{-1} \left( \mu \frac{W_1 + W_2}{W_1 - W_2} \right),$  where  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are the two weights.

14.  $a \times .134.$                       15. At an angle equal to the angle of friction.

## XXX. (Pages 222, 223.)

1.  $11\frac{2}{3}$  lbs. wt.

2.  $45^\circ.$

5. It can be ascended as far as the centre.

8. 50 feet.

9.  $w \frac{\tan \alpha - 2\mu}{\mu - \tan \alpha}.$

## XXXI. (Pages 224, 225.)

1.  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2};$  height = twice diameter.

4.  $45^\circ.$

6.  $2 \tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{12}.$

8. Unity.

## XXXII. (Pages 229—233.)

11.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{30}.$

15.  $\mu \left( \frac{W}{w} + 1 \right) \sqrt{b^2 - a^2}.$

18.  $\frac{7}{8}.$

20. The required force is  $\frac{2}{3}W$  at an angle  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{4}$  with the line of greatest slope.

21. In a direction making an angle  $\cos^{-1} 5 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9}$  with the line of greatest slope.

24. If  $\mu \cot \alpha$  be greater than unity, there is no *limiting* position of equilibrium, *i.e.*, the particle will rest in any position.

28.  $60^\circ.$

**XXXIII.** (Pages 242, 243.)

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. 3808 ft.-lbs.                      | 2. 7,392,000 ft.-lbs.; $7\frac{7}{15}$ H.P.  |
| 3. 21120.                             | 4. 23,040,000 ft.-lbs.; $5\frac{9}{11}$ H.P. |
| 5. 1000 feet.                         | 6. $9\frac{3}{4}$ hours.                     |
|                                       | 7. $8\frac{1}{11}$ .                         |
| 8. 4·4352.                            | 9. 660,000 ft.-lbs.; 30 H.P.                 |
| 10. 7766.                             | 11. 1500 ft.-lbs.                            |
| 12. 47040 ft.-lbs.; 2 cwt.; 210 feet. |  |
| 13. 6272 ft.-lbs.                     | 14. $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft.-lbs.                  |

**XXXIV.** (Pages 246–248.)

1. At  $P$ , where  $BP$  equals  $\frac{1}{3}BC$ ;  $\frac{3W}{2}$ .
5.  $\frac{W}{2} \tan \frac{ACB}{2}$ .
7.  $\frac{3W}{\sqrt{5}}$ ;  $\frac{W}{5} \sqrt{10}$  at  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$  to the horizontal.
8.  $\frac{W}{2}$ ;  $\frac{3W}{2}$ ;  $\frac{\sqrt{3}W}{4}$ .
10. Half the weight of the middle rod.
12. One-eighth of the total weight of the rods, acting in a horizontal direction.

**XXXVI.** (Pages 263–266.)

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|--|---|
| 1. 42·9 lbs. wt.; 19·91 lbs. wt.                               | 2. $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{3}{4}$ tons wt. |
| 3. 39 lbs. wt; 25·8 lbs. wt. at $1^{\circ}40'$ to the horizon. |   |
| 4. 152·3 and 267·96 lbs. wt.                                   | 5. 41.  |
| 6. $124^{\circ}$ , $103^{\circ}$ , $133^{\circ}$ .             | 7. 26·9 lbs. wt.                              |
| 8. 74 lbs. wt.; 12·7 lbs. wt.                                  | 9. 37·8 and 85·1 lbs. wt.                     |
| 10. 15·2 lbs.  | 11. Each equals the wt. of 10 cwt.            |
| 12. 46; 91·2 and 57·2 lbs. wt.                                 |   |
| 13. 3·4, 6·6, 8·67, 7·55, and 5 cwt. respectively.             |   |
| 14. 58·1, 65·8, 37·4, 33·2, and 29 lbs. wt. respectively.      |   |

**EASY MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLES.**

(Pages 284—286.)

1. 15 lbs. wt. at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3}$  with the second force.
2. Each component is 57.735... lbs. wt.
3. 14.24 lbs. wt.
4. 50 and 86.6025... lbs. wt.
6. 3 feet.
7. 2 ozs.
9.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches from  $A$ .
10.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches.
12. It divides the line joining the centre to the middle point of the opposite side in the ratio 2 : 13.
13.  $\frac{3}{8}$ ths of the diameter of a penny.
14. 8 and 12 lbs. wt.
15.  $9\frac{4}{5}$  lbs. wt.
16.  $W = P$ .
17. The required point divides the distance between the two extreme strings in the ratio 13 : 49.
18.  $\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{3}$  lbs. wt.
20. 18 inches; 4 inches.
21.  $26\frac{2}{3}$ .
22.  $\frac{2}{11}$ .
23. He can ascend the whole length.
24.  $10\frac{935}{1344}$ .

**HARDER MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLES.**

(Pages 286—296.)

5. The centre of the inscribed circle.
6.  $P$  divides  $AD$  in the ratio  $1 : \sqrt{3}$ .
9. The forces are in equilibrium.
21.  $\frac{2}{3}$  lb. wt.
28.  $\frac{l}{2}$ .
31.  $W \frac{x \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}}{ab}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are the lengths of the sides of the frame and  $AP$  is  $x$ .
39. At a point distant  $\sqrt{c^2 + a^2} - a$  from the centre of the rod, where  $2c$  is the length of the rod, and  $a$  is the distance from the centre of the given point.
40.  $\frac{\mu c W}{a \sin \theta + \mu c \cos \theta}$ , where  $W$  is the weight of each particle.



44. The difference between the angles of inclination of the planes to the horizon must be not greater than the sum of the angles of friction.

45.  $W \cos \lambda \sin (a - \lambda) \operatorname{cosec} a$ , and  $W \cos \lambda \sin \lambda \operatorname{cosec} a$ , where  $W$  is the weight of the rod.

48. The ratio of the depth to the width of the sash.

49.  $\sqrt{3}$  feet.

53. The particle will move first, if  $\mu W > (1 + \mu^2) w \cos a \sin a$ , where  $a$  is the inclination of the face of the plane.

57. The equilibrium will be broken.

59.  $W \tan i$ ;  $\frac{W}{W + W'} \tan i$ , where  $W'$  is the weight of the inclined plane.

62.  $W = 10\sqrt{3}$ ; the force is (i)  $5\sqrt{3}$  lbs. weight, and (ii) zero.

$W = \frac{20\sqrt{3}}{3}$ ; the force is (i)  $\frac{10}{\sqrt{3}}$  lbs. wt., and (ii) zero.

65. He must press downwards when  $B$  has raised more than half the ladder.

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# DYNAMICS.

## CHAPTER I.

### VELOCITY.

**1.** If at any instant the position of a moving point be  $P$ , and at any subsequent instant it be  $Q$ , then  $PQ$  is the change in its position in the intervening time.

A point is said to be in motion when it changes its position.

The path of a moving point is the curve drawn through all the successive positions of the point.

**2. Speed. Def.** *The speed of a moving point is the rate at which it describes its path.*

A point is said to be moving with uniform speed when it moves through equal lengths of its path in equal times, however small these times may be.

Suppose a train describes 30 miles in each of several consecutive hours. We are not justified in saying that its speed is uniform unless we know that it describes half a mile in *each* minute, 44 feet in *each* second, one-millionth of 30 miles in *each* one-millionth of an hour, and so on.

When uniform, the speed of a point is measured by the distance passed over by it in a unit of time; when variable, by the distance which would be passed over by the point in a unit of time, if it continued to move during that unit of time with the speed which it has at the instant under consideration.



By saying that a train is moving with a speed of 40 miles an hour, we do not mean that it has gone 40 miles in the last hour, or that it will go 40 miles in the next hour, but that, if its speed remained constant for one hour, then it would describe 40 miles in that hour.

**3.** The units of length and time usually employed in England are a foot and a second.

In scientific measurements the unit of length usually employed is the centimetre, which is the one hundredth part of a metre.

One metre = 39·37 inches approximately. A decimetre is  $\frac{1}{10}$ th, and a millimetre  $\frac{1}{1000}$ th of a metre.

**4.** The unit of speed is the speed of a point which moves uniformly over a unit of length in a unit of time. Hence the unit of speed depends on these two units, and if either, or both of them, be altered, the unit of speed will also, in general, be altered.

**5.** If a point be moving with speed  $u$ , then in each unit of time the point moves over  $u$  units of length.

Hence in  $t$  units of time the point passes over  $u \cdot t$  units of length.

Hence the distance  $s$  passed over by a point which moves with speed  $u$  for time  $t$  is given by  $s = u \cdot t$ .

**Ex. 1.** Shew that the speed of the centre of the earth is about 18·5 miles per second, assuming that it describes a circle of radius 93000000 miles in 365 days.

**Ex. 2.** Shew that the speed of light is about 194000 miles per second assuming that it takes 8 minutes to describe the distance from the sun to the earth.

**6. Displacement.** The displacement of a moving point is its change of position. To know the displacement of a moving point, we must know both the length and the direction of the line joining the two positions of the moving

point. Hence the displacement of a point involves both magnitude and direction.

**Ex. 1.** A man walks 3 miles due east and then 4 miles due north; shew that his displacement is 5 miles at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3}$  north of east.

**Ex. 2.** A ship sails 1 mile due south and then  $\sqrt{2}$  miles south-west; shew that its displacement is  $\sqrt{5}$  miles in a direction  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$  west of south.

**7. Velocity. Def.** *The velocity of a moving point is the rate of its displacement.*

A velocity therefore possesses both magnitude and direction.

A point is said to be moving with uniform velocity, when it is moving in a constant direction, and passes over equal lengths in equal times, however small these times may be.

When uniform, the velocity of a moving point is measured by its displacement per unit of time; when variable, it is measured, at any instant, by the displacement that the moving point would have in a unit of time, if it moved during that unit of time with the velocity which it has at the instant under consideration.

**8.** It will be noted that when the moving point is moving in a straight line, the velocity is the same as the speed.

If the motion be not in a straight line the velocity is not the same as the speed. For example, suppose a point to be describing a circle uniformly, so that it passes over equal lengths of the arc in equal times however small; then its direction of motion (viz. the tangent to the circle) is different at different points of the circumference; hence the *velocity* of the point (strictly so called) is variable, whilst its *speed* is constant.

9. The magnitude of the unit of velocity is the velocity of a point which undergoes a displacement equal to a unit of length in a unit of time.

When we say that a moving point has velocity  $v$ , we mean that it possesses  $v$  units of velocity, i.e., that it would undergo a displacement, equal to  $v$  units of length, in the unit of time.

If the velocity of a moving point in one direction be denoted by  $v$ , an equal velocity in an opposite direction is necessarily denoted by  $-v$ .

10. Since the velocity of a point is known when its direction and magnitude are both known, we can conveniently represent the velocity of a moving point by a straight line  $AB$ ; thus, when we say that the velocities of two moving points are represented in magnitude and direction by the straight lines  $AB$  and  $CD$ , we mean that they move in directions parallel to the lines drawn from  $A$  to  $B$ , and  $C$  to  $D$  respectively, and with velocities which are proportional to the lengths  $AB$  and  $CD$ .

11. A body may have simultaneously velocities in two, or more, different directions. One of the simplest examples of this is when a person walks on the deck of a moving ship from one point of the deck to another. He has a motion with the ship, and one along the deck of the ship, and his motion in space is clearly different from what it would have been had either the ship remained at rest, or had the man stayed at his original position on the deck.

Again, consider the case of a ship steaming with its bow pointing in a constant direction, say due north, whilst a current carries it in a different direction, say south-east, and suppose a sailor is climbing a vertical mast of the

ship. The actual change of position and the velocity of the sailor clearly depend on three quantities, viz., the rate and direction of the ship's sailing, the rate and direction of the current, and the rate at which he climbs the mast. His actual velocity is said to be "compounded" of these three velocities.

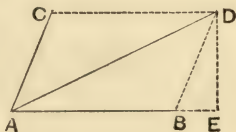
In the following article we shew how to find the velocity which is equivalent to two velocities given in magnitude and direction.

## 12. Theorem. Parallelogram of Velocities.

*If a moving point possess simultaneously velocities which are represented in magnitude and direction by the two sides of a parallelogram drawn from a point, they are equivalent to a velocity which is represented in magnitude and direction by the diagonal of the parallelogram passing through the point.*

Let the two simultaneous velocities be represented by the lines  $AB$  and  $AC$ , and let their magnitudes be  $u$  and  $v$ .

Complete the parallelogram  $BACD$ .



Then we may imagine the motion of the point to be along the line  $AB$  with the velocity  $u$ , whilst the line  $AB$  moves parallel to the foot of the page so that its end  $A$  describes the line  $AC$  with velocity  $v$ . In the unit of time the moving point will have moved through a distance  $AB$  along the line  $AB$ , and the line  $AB$  will have in the same time moved into the position  $CD$ , so that at the end of the unit of time the moving point will be at  $D$ .

Now, since the two coexistent velocities are constant in magnitude and direction, the velocity of the point from

$A$  to  $D$  must also be constant in magnitude and direction; hence  $AD$  is the path described by the moving point in the unit of time.

Hence  $AD$  represents in magnitude and direction the velocity which is equivalent to the velocities represented by  $AB$  and  $AC$ .

To facilitate his understanding of the previous article the student may look on  $AC$  as the direction of motion of a steamer, whilst  $AB$  is a chalked line, drawn along the deck of the ship, along which a man is walking at a uniform rate.

**13. Def.** *The velocity which is equivalent to two or more velocities is called their **resultant**, and these velocities are called the **components** of this resultant.*

The resultant of two velocities  $u$  and  $v$  in directions which are inclined to one another at a given angle  $\alpha$  may be easily obtained.

In the figure of Art. 12, let  $AB$  and  $AC$  represent the velocities  $u$  and  $v$ , so that the angle  $BAC$  is  $\alpha$ .

Then we have, by Trigonometry,

$$AD^2 = AB^2 + BD^2 - 2AB \cdot BD \cos ABD.$$

Hence, if we represent the resultant velocity  $AD$  by  $w$ , we have

$$w^2 = u^2 + v^2 + 2uv \cos \alpha, \text{ since } \angle ABD = \pi - \alpha.$$

Also, if we denote the angle  $BAD$  by  $\theta$ , we have

$$\frac{AB}{BD} = \frac{\sin ADB}{\sin BAD} = \frac{\sin DAC}{\sin BAD};$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{u}{v} &= \frac{\sin(\alpha - \theta)}{\sin \theta} = \frac{\sin \alpha \cos \theta - \cos \alpha \sin \theta}{\sin \theta} \\ &= \sin \alpha \cot \theta - \cos \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \cot \theta = \frac{u + v \cos \alpha}{v \sin \alpha},$$

so that

$$\tan \theta = \frac{v \sin \alpha}{u + v \cos \alpha}.$$



Hence the resultant of two velocities  $u$  and  $v$  inclined to one another at an angle  $\alpha$ , is a velocity  $\sqrt{u^2 + v^2 + 2uv \cos \alpha}$  inclined at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{v \sin \alpha}{u + v \cos \alpha}$  to the direction of the velocity  $u$ .

The direction of the resultant velocity may also be obtained as follows; draw  $DE$  perpendicular to  $AB$  to meet it, produced if necessary, in  $E$ ; we then have

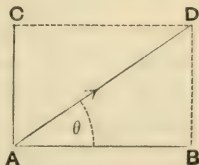
$$\begin{aligned} \tan DAB &= \frac{ED}{AE} = \frac{BD \sin EBD}{AB + BD \cos EBD} \\ &= \frac{v \sin \alpha}{u + v \cos \alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

**14.** A velocity can be resolved into two component velocities in an infinite number of ways. For an infinite number of parallelograms can be described having a given line  $AD$  as diagonal; and, if  $ABDC$  be any one of these, the velocity  $AD$  is equivalent to the two component velocities  $AB$  and  $AC$ .

The most important case is when a velocity is to be resolved into two velocities in two directions at right angles, one of these directions being given. When we speak of the *component of a velocity in a given direction* it is understood that the other direction in which the given velocity is to be resolved is perpendicular to this given direction.

Thus, suppose we wish to resolve a velocity  $u$ , represented by  $AD$ , into two components at right angles to one another, one of these components being along a line  $AB$  making an angle  $\theta$  with  $AD$ .

Draw  $DB$  perpendicular to  $AB$ , and complete the rectangle  $ABDC$ .



Then the velocity  $AD$  is equivalent to the two component velocities  $AB$  and  $AC$ .

$$\text{Also } AB = AD \cos \theta = u \cos \theta, \\ \text{and } AC = BD = AD \sin \theta = u \sin \theta.$$

We thus have the following important

**Theorem.** *A velocity  $u$  is equivalent to a velocity  $u \cos \theta$  along a line making an angle  $\theta$  with its own direction together with a velocity  $u \sin \theta$  perpendicular to the direction of the first component.*

The case in which the angle  $\theta$  is greater than a right angle may be considered as in Statics, Art. 30.

**Ex. 1.** A man is walking in a north-easterly direction with a velocity of 4 miles per hour; find the components of his velocity in directions due north and due east respectively.

*Ans.* Each is  $2\sqrt{2}$  miles per hour.

**Ex. 2.** A point is moving in a straight line with a velocity of 10 feet per second; find the component of its velocity in a direction inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to its direction of motion.

*Ans.*  $5\sqrt{3}$  feet per second.

**Ex. 3.** A body is sliding down an inclined plane whose inclination to the horizontal is  $60^\circ$ ; find the components of its velocity in the horizontal and vertical directions.

*Ans.*  $\frac{u}{2}$  and  $u \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , where  $u$  is the velocity of the body.

### 15. Components of a velocity in two given directions.

If we wish to find the components of a velocity  $u$  in two given directions making angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with it, we proceed as follows.

Let  $AD$  represent  $u$  in magnitude and direction. Draw  $AB$  and  $AC$  making angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with it, and through  $D$  draw parallels to complete the parallelogram  $ABDC$  as in Art. 12. Since the sides of a triangle are proportional to the sines of the opposite angles, we have

$$\frac{AB}{\sin ADB} = \frac{BD}{\sin BAD} = \frac{AD}{\sin ABD},$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{AB}{\sin \beta} = \frac{BD}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{AD}{\sin (\alpha + \beta)}.$$

$$\therefore AB = AD \frac{\sin \beta}{\sin (\alpha + \beta)}, \text{ and } BD = AD \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin (\alpha + \beta)}.$$

Hence the component velocities in these two directions are

$$u \frac{\sin \beta}{\sin (\alpha + \beta)} \text{ and } u \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin (\alpha + \beta)}.$$

**16. Triangle of Velocities.** *If a moving point possess simultaneously velocities represented by the two sides  $AB$  and  $BC$  of a triangle taken in order, they are equivalent to a velocity represented by  $AC$ .*

For, completing the parallelogram  $ABCD$ , the lines  $AB$  and  $BC$  represent the same velocities as  $AB$  and  $AD$  and hence have as their resultant the velocity represented by  $AC$ .

**Cor. 1.** If there be simultaneously impressed on a point three velocities represented by the sides of a triangle taken in order, the point will be at rest.

**Cor. 2.** If a moving point possess velocities represented by  $\lambda \cdot OA$  and  $\mu \cdot OB$ , they are equivalent to a velocity  $(\lambda + \mu) \cdot OG$ , where  $G$  is a point on  $AB$  such that

$$\lambda \cdot AG = \mu \cdot GB.$$

For, by the triangle of velocities, the velocity  $\lambda \cdot OA$  is equivalent to velocities  $\lambda \cdot OG$  and  $\lambda \cdot GA$ ; also the velocity  $\mu \cdot OB$  is equivalent to  $\mu \cdot OG$  and  $\mu \cdot GB$ ; but the velocities  $\lambda \cdot GA$  and  $\mu \cdot GB$  destroy one another; hence the resultant velocity is  $(\lambda + \mu) \cdot OG$ .

**17. Parallelopiped of Velocities.** By a proof similar to that for the parallelogram of velocities, it may be shewn that the resultant of three velocities represented by the three edges of a parallelopiped meeting in a point, is a velocity represented by the diagonal of the parallelopiped passing through that angular point. Conversely, a velocity may be resolved into three others.

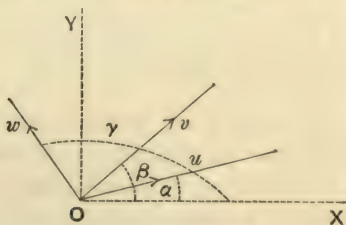
**18. Polygon of Velocities.** If a moving point possess simultaneously velocities represented by the sides  $AB, BC, CD, \dots KL$  of a polygon, (whether the sides of the polygon are, or are not, in one plane) the resultant velocity is represented by  $AL$ .

For, by Art. 16, the velocities  $AB$  and  $BC$  are equivalent to that represented by  $AC$ ; and again the velocities  $AC$  and  $CD$  to  $AD$ , and so on; so that the final velocity is represented by  $AL$ .

**Cor.** If the point  $L$  coincide with  $A$  (so that the polygon is a closed figure) the resultant velocity vanishes, and the point is at rest.

**19.** When a point possesses simultaneously velocities in several different directions in the same plane, their resultant may be found by resolving the velocities along two fixed directions at right angles, and then compounding the resultant velocities in these directions.

Suppose a point possesses velocities  $u, v, w, \dots$  in directions inclined at angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots$  to a fixed line  $OX$ , and let  $OY$  be perpendicular to  $OX$ . The components of  $u$  along  $OX$  and  $OY$  are respectively  $u \cos \alpha$  and  $u \sin \alpha$ ; the components of  $v$  are  $v \cos \beta$  and  $v \sin \beta$ ; and so for the others.



Hence the velocities are equivalent to

$u \cos \alpha + v \cos \beta + w \cos \gamma \dots$  parallel to  $OX$ ,  
and  $u \sin \alpha + v \sin \beta + w \sin \gamma \dots$  parallel to  $OY$ .

If their resultant be a velocity  $V$  at an angle  $\theta$  to  $OX$ , we must have

$$V \cos \theta = u \cos \alpha + v \cos \beta + w \cos \gamma + \dots,$$

and  $V \sin \theta = u \sin \alpha + v \sin \beta + w \sin \gamma + \dots$

Hence, by squaring and adding,

$$V^2 = (u \cos \alpha + v \cos \beta + \dots)^2 + (u \sin \alpha + v \sin \beta + \dots)^2;$$

and, by division,  $\tan \theta = \frac{u \sin \alpha + v \sin \beta + \dots}{u \cos \alpha + v \cos \beta + \dots}$ .

These two equations give  $V$  and  $\theta$ .

### EXAMPLES. I.

1. *A vessel steams with its bow pointed due north with a velocity of 15 miles an hour, and is carried by a current which flows in a south-easterly direction at the rate of  $3\sqrt{2}$  miles per hour. At the end of an hour find its distance and bearing from the point from which it started.*

The ship has two velocities, one being 15 miles per hour northwards, and the other  $3\sqrt{2}$  miles per hour south-east.

Now the latter velocity is equivalent to

$$3\sqrt{2} \cos 45^\circ, \text{ that is, 3 miles per hour eastward,}$$

and  $3\sqrt{2} \sin 45^\circ$ , that is, 3 miles per hour southward.

Hence the total velocity of the ship is 12 miles per hour northwards and 3 miles per hour eastward.

Hence its resultant velocity is  $\sqrt{12^2 + 3^2}$  or  $\sqrt{153}$  miles per hour in a direction inclined at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{4}$  to the north, i.e.,  $12.37$  miles per hour at  $14^\circ 2'$  east of north.

2. *A point possesses simultaneously velocities whose measures are 4, 3, 2 and 1; the angle between the first and second is  $30^\circ$ , between the second and third  $90^\circ$ , and between the third and fourth  $120^\circ$ ; find their resultant.*

Take  $OX$  along the direction of the first velocity and  $OY$  perpendicular to it.

The angles which the velocities make with  $OX$  are respectively  $0^\circ$ ,  $30^\circ$ ,  $120^\circ$ , and  $240^\circ$ .

Hence, if  $V$  be the resultant velocity inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to  $OX$ , we have

$$V \cos \theta = 4 + 3 \cos 30^\circ + 2 \cos 120^\circ + 1 \cdot \cos 240^\circ;$$

and  $V \sin \theta = 3 \sin 30^\circ + 2 \sin 120^\circ + 1 \cdot \sin 240^\circ.$



We therefore have

$$V \cos \theta = 4 + 3 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 2 \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) + 1 \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{5 + 3\sqrt{3}}{2},$$

and  $V \sin \theta = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - 1 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{3 + \sqrt{3}}{2}.$

Hence, by squaring and adding,

$$V^2 = 16 + 9\sqrt{3},$$

and, by division,  $\tan \theta = \frac{3 + \sqrt{3}}{5 + 3\sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3} - 3.$

Hence the resultant is a velocity  $\sqrt{16 + 9\sqrt{3}}$  inclined at an angle  $\tan^{-1}(2\sqrt{3} - 3)$ , i.e.,  $5.62^\circ$  at  $24^\circ 54'$ , to the direction of the first velocity.

3. The velocity of a ship is  $8\frac{1}{4}$  miles per hour, and a ball is bowled across the ship perpendicular to the direction of the ship with a velocity of 3 yards per second; describe the path of the ball in space and shew that it passes over 45 feet in 3 seconds.

4. A boat is rowed with a velocity of 6 miles per hour straight across a river which flows at the rate of 2 miles per hour. If its breadth be 300 feet, find how far down the river the boat will reach the opposite bank below the point at which it was originally directed.

5. A man wishes to cross a river to an exactly opposite point on the other bank; if he can pull his boat with twice the velocity of the current, find at what inclination to the current he must keep the boat pointed.

6. A boat is rowed on a river so that its speed in still water would be 6 miles per hour. If the river flow at the rate of 4 miles per hour, draw a figure to shew the direction in which the head of the boat must point so that the motion of the boat may be at right angles to the current.

7. A stream runs with a velocity of  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles per hour; find in what direction a swimmer, whose velocity is  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles per hour, should start in order to cross the stream perpendicularly.

What direction should be taken in order to cross in the shortest time?

8. A ship is steaming in a direction due north across a current running due west. At the end of one hour it is found that the ship has made  $8\sqrt{3}$  miles in a direction  $30^\circ$  west of north. Find the velocity of the current, and the rate at which the ship is steaming.

9. Two steamers X and Y are respectively at two points A and B, which are 5 miles apart. X steams away with a uniform velocity of 10 miles per hour in a direction making an angle of  $60^\circ$  with AB. Find in what direction Y must start at the same moment, if it steam with a uniform velocity of  $10\sqrt{3}$  miles per hour, in order that it may just come into collision with X; find also at what angle it will strike X and the time that elapses before they meet.

10. A tram-car is moving along a road at the rate of 8 miles per hour; in what direction must a body be projected from it with a velocity of 16 feet per second, so that its resultant motion may be at right angles to the tram-car?

11. A ship is sailing north at the rate of 4 feet per second; the current is taking it east at the rate of 3 feet per second, and a sailor is climbing a vertical pole at the rate of 2 feet per second; find the velocity and direction of the sailor in space.

12. Find the components of a velocity  $u$  resolved along two lines inclined at angles of  $30^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  respectively to its direction.

13. A point which possesses velocities represented by 7, 8, and 13 is at rest; find the angle between the directions of the two smaller velocities.

14. A point possesses velocities represented by 3, 19, and 9 inclined at angles of  $120^\circ$  to one another; find their resultant.

15. A point possesses simultaneously velocities represented by  $u$ ,  $2u$ ,  $3\sqrt{3}u$ , and  $4u$ ; the angles between the first and second, the second and third, and the third and fourth, are respectively  $60^\circ$ ,  $90^\circ$ , and  $150^\circ$ ; shew that the resultant is  $u$  in a direction inclined at an angle of  $120^\circ$  to that of the first velocity.

16. A point has equal velocities in two given directions; if one of these velocities be halved, the angle which the resultant makes with the other is halved also. Shew that the angle between the velocities is  $120^\circ$ .

17. A point possesses velocities represented in magnitude and direction by the lines joining any point on a circle to the ends of a diameter; shew that their resultant is represented by the diameter through the point.

**20. Average Speed and Velocity.** The average speed of a point in a given period of time is the same as the speed of a moving point which moves with uniform speed, and describes the same path as the given point in the given time. Thus the average speed of a moving point in a given period of time is the whole distance described by the point in the given time divided by the whole time. The average speed of an athlete who runs 100 yards in  $10\frac{2}{5}$  seconds is  $100 \div 10\frac{2}{5}$  or  $9\frac{8}{13}$  yards per second.

The average velocity of a given point in any direction (strictly so called) is the whole displacement in the given direction in the given time divided by the given time.

**21. Relative Motion.** Rest and motion are relative terms; we do not know what absolute motion is; all motion that we become acquainted with is relative.

For example, when we say that a train is travelling northward at the rate of 40 miles an hour, we mean that that is its velocity relative to the earth. Beside this motion along the surface it partakes with the rest of the earth in the diurnal motion about the axis of the earth; it also moves with the earth round the sun; and in addition has, in common with the whole solar system, any velocity that that system may have.

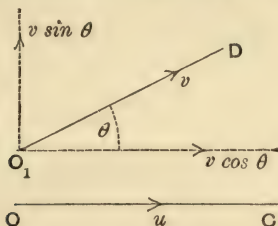
**22.** Consider the case of two trains moving on parallel rails in the same direction with equal velocities and let  $A$  and  $B$  be two points, one on each train; a person at one of them,  $A$  say, would, if he kept his attention fixed on  $B$  and if he were unconscious of his own motion, consider  $B$  to be at rest. The line  $AB$  would remain constant in magnitude and direction, and the velocity of  $B$  relative to  $A$  would be zero.

Next, let the first train be moving at the rate of 20 miles per hour, and let the second train  $B$  be moving in the same direction at the rate of 25 miles per hour. In this case the line joining  $A$  to  $B$  would (if we neglect the distance between the rails) be increasing at the rate of 5 miles per hour, and this would be the velocity of  $B$  relative to  $A$ .

Thirdly, let the second train be moving with a velocity of 25 miles per hour in the opposite direction to that of the first; the line joining  $A$  to  $B$  would now be increasing at the rate of 45 miles per hour in a direction opposite to that of  $A$ 's motion, and the relative velocity of  $B$  with respect to  $A$  would be  $-45$  miles per hour.

In each of these cases it will be noticed that the

relative velocity of the second train with respect to the first is obtained by compounding with its own velocity a velocity equal and opposite to that of the first.



Lastly, let the first train be moving along the line  $OC$  with velocity  $u$ , whilst the second train is moving with velocity  $v$  along a line  $O_1D$  inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to  $OC$ .

Resolve the velocity  $v$  into two components, viz.,  $v \cos \theta$  parallel to  $OC$  and  $v \sin \theta$  in the perpendicular direction.

As before, the velocity of  $B$  relative to  $A$ , parallel to  $OC$ , is  $v \cos \theta - u$ ; also, since the point  $A$  has no velocity perpendicular to  $OC$ , the velocity of  $B$  relative to  $A$  in that direction is  $v \sin \theta$ .

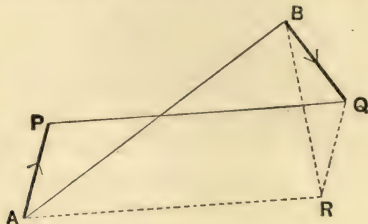
Hence the velocity of  $B$  relative to  $A$  consists of two components, viz.,  $v \cos \theta - u$  parallel to  $OC$ , and  $v \sin \theta$  perpendicular to  $OC$ . These two components are equivalent to the original velocity  $v$  of the train  $B$  combined with a velocity equal and opposite to that of  $A$ .

Hence we have the following important result ;

**Relative Velocity.** *When the distance between two points is altering, either in direction or in magnitude or in both, then either point is said to have a velocity relative to the other ; also the relative velocity of one point  $B$  with respect to a second point  $A$  is obtained by compounding with the velocity of  $B$  a velocity which is equal and opposite to that of  $A$ .*



23. It may be advisable for the student to consider relative motion in a slightly different manner. Suppose the velocities of the two points  $A$  and  $B$  to be represented by the lines  $AP$  and  $BQ$ , so that in one second the positions of the points change from  $A$  and  $B$  to  $P$  and  $Q$ . Complete the parallelogram  $APQR$  and join  $BR$ .



By Art. 16 the velocity  $BQ$  is equivalent to two velocities represented by  $BR$  and  $RQ$ ; also  $RQ$  is equal and parallel to  $AP$ .

Hence the velocity of  $B$  is equivalent to two velocities, one represented by  $BR$  and the other equal and parallel to that of  $A$ .

The velocity of  $B$  relative to  $A$  is therefore represented by  $BR$ .

But  $BR$  is the resultant of velocities  $BQ$  and  $QR$ , i.e. the relative velocity of  $B$  with respect to  $A$  is obtained by compounding with the actual velocity of  $B$  a velocity equal and opposite to that of  $A$ .

24. From the previous article it follows that, if two points  $A$  and  $B$  be moving in the same direction with velocities  $u$  and  $v$  respectively, the relative velocity of  $B$  with respect to  $A$  in that direction is  $v - u$ , and that of  $A$  with respect to  $B$  is  $u - v$ .

If they be moving in different directions the relative velocity is found by compounding velocities by means of the parallelogram of velocities.

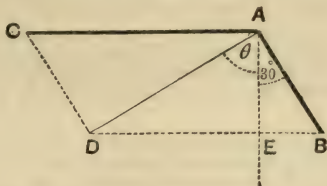
**Ex.** A train is travelling along a horizontal rail at the rate of 30 miles per hour, and rain is driven by the wind, which is in the same direction as the motion of the train, so that it falls with a velocity of 22 feet per second and at an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the vertical. Find the apparent direction of the rain to a person travelling with the train.

The velocity of the train is 44 feet per second.

Let  $AB$  represent the actual velocity of the rain so that, if  $AE$  be a vertical line, the angle  $EAB$  is  $30^\circ$ .



Draw  $AC$  horizontal and opposite to the direction of the train and let it represent in magnitude the velocity, 44 feet per second, of the train.



Complete the parallelogram  $ABDC$ .

Join  $AD$ , and let the angle  $EAD$  be  $\theta$ .

$AD$  is the apparent direction of the rain.

From the triangle  $BAD$ , we have

$$\frac{BD}{AB} = \frac{\sin DAB}{\sin BDA} = \frac{\sin (\theta + 30^\circ)}{\cos \theta}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{44}{22} = \frac{\sin \theta \cos 30^\circ + \cos \theta \sin 30^\circ}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta \cos 30^\circ + \sin 30^\circ.$$

$$\therefore 2 = \tan \theta \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\therefore \tan \theta = \sqrt{3} = \tan 60^\circ.$$

Hence  $\theta$  is  $60^\circ$ . It follows, since  $BAD$  is a right angle, that the apparent direction of the rain is at right angles to its real direction.

## EXAMPLES. II.

1. A railway train, moving at the rate of 30 miles per hour, is struck by a stone, moving horizontally and at right angles to the train with a velocity of 33 feet per second. Find the magnitude and direction of the velocity with which the stone appears to meet the train.

2. One ship is sailing due east at the rate of 12 miles per hour, and another ship is sailing due north at the rate of 16 miles per hour; find the relative velocity of the second ship with respect to the first.

3. One ship is sailing south with a velocity of  $15\sqrt{2}$  miles per hour, and another south-east at the rate of 15 miles per hour. Find the apparent velocity and direction of motion of the second vessel to an observer on the first vessel.

4. A ship is sailing north-east with a velocity of 10 miles per hour, and to a passenger on board the wind appears to blow from the north with a velocity of  $10\sqrt{2}$  miles per hour. Find the true velocity and direction of the wind.

5. A ship steams due west at the rate of 15 miles per hour relative to the current which is flowing at the rate of 6 miles per hour due south. What is the velocity relative to the ship of a train going due north at the rate of 30 miles per hour?

6. In a tunnel, drops of water which are falling from the roof are noticed to pass the carriage window in a direction making an angle  $\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{2}$  with the horizon, and they are known to have a velocity of 24 feet per second. Neglecting the resistance of the air, find the velocity of the train.

7. To a man walking at the rate of 2 miles an hour the rain appears to fall vertically; when he increases his speed to 4 miles per hour it appears to meet him at an angle of  $45^\circ$ ; find the real direction and speed of the rain.

8. A steamer is going due west at 14 miles per hour, and the wind appears from the drift of the clouds to be blowing at 7 miles per hour from the north-west. Find its actual velocity and make a geometrical construction for its direction.

9. A railway train is moving at the rate of 28 miles per hour, when a pistol shot strikes it in a direction making an angle  $\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{4}$  with the train. The shot enters one compartment at the corner furthest from the engine and passes out at the diagonally opposite corner; the compartment being 8 feet long and 6 feet wide, shew that the shot is moving at the rate of 80 miles per hour, and traverses the carriage in  $\frac{5}{4}$ ths of a second.

10. Two trains, each 200 feet long, are moving towards each other on parallel lines with velocities of 20 and 30 miles per hour respectively. Find the time that elapses from the instant when they first meet until they have cleared each other.

11. The wind blowing exactly along a line of railway, two trains, moving with the same speed in opposite directions, have the steam track of the one double that of the other; shew that the speed of each train is three times that of the wind.

12. One ship, sailing east with a speed of 15 miles per hour, passes a certain point at noon; and a second ship, sailing north at the same speed, passes the same point at 1.30 p.m.; at what time are they closest together, and what is the distance then?

13. A ship steaming north at the rate of 12 miles per hour observes a ship, due east of itself and distant 10 miles, which is steaming due west at the rate of 16 miles per hour; after what time are they at the least distance from one another and what is this least distance?

14. Two points are started simultaneously from points *A* and *B* which are 5 feet apart, one from *A* towards *B* with a velocity which would cause it to reach *B* in 3 seconds, and the other at right angles to the direction of the former with  $\frac{2}{3}$  of its velocity. Find their relative velocity in magnitude and direction, the shortest distance between them, and the time when they are nearest.

15. A ship is sailing due east, and it is known that the wind is blowing from the north-west, and the apparent direction of the wind (as shewn by a vane on the mast of the ship) is from N.N.E.; shew that the speed of the ship is equal to that of the wind.

16. A person travelling eastward at the rate of 4 miles per hour, finds that the wind seems to blow directly from the north; on doubling his speed it appears to come from the north-east; find the direction of the wind and its velocity.

17. A person travelling toward the north-east, finds that the wind appears to blow from the north, but when he doubles his speed it seems to come from a direction inclined at an angle  $\cot^{-1}2$  on the east of north. Find the true direction of the wind.

18. Two points move with velocities  $v$  and  $2v$  respectively in opposite directions in the circumference of a circle. In what positions is their relative velocity greatest and least and what values has it then?

**25. Angular Velocity. Def.** *If a point  $P$  be in motion in a plane, and if  $O$  be a fixed point in the plane and  $OA$  a fixed straight line drawn through  $O$ , then the rate at which the angle  $AOP$  increases is called the angular velocity of the moving point  $P$  about  $O$ .*

When uniform, the angular velocity is measured by the number of radians in the angle which is turned through by  $OP$  in a unit of time.

When variable, it is measured at any instant by what would be the angle turned through by the line  $OP$  in a unit of time, if during that unit it continued to turn at the same rate as at the instant under consideration.

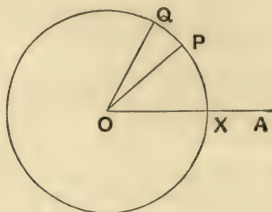
**Exs.** If the line  $OP$  turn through 4 right angles (i.e.  $2\pi$  radians) in one second, the angular velocity is  $2\pi$ .

If it turn through three-quarters of a right angle in one second, the angular velocity is  $\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}$  or  $\frac{3\pi}{8}$ .

If  $OP$  make 7 revolutions in one second, the angular velocity is  $7 \times 2\pi$  or  $14\pi$ .

**26.** The angular velocity can always be expressed in terms of the linear velocity when the path is known.

The only case that we shall consider is when the angular velocity is uniform, and the moving point  $P$  is describing a circle about the fixed point  $O$  as centre.



*If a moving point describe a circle its angular velocity about the centre of the circle is equal to its speed divided by the radius of the circle.*

Let  $P$  be the position of the moving point at any time, and in the unit of time let the point describe the arc  $PQ$ . In this time the line  $OP$  turns through the angle  $POQ$ . Hence the angular velocity is equal to the number of radians in the angle  $POQ$ .

But the number of radians in  $POQ = \frac{\text{arc } PQ}{OP}$ .

Also, since the arc  $PQ$  is described in one second, it is equal to the speed  $v$ .

Hence, if  $\omega$  be the angular velocity and  $r$  the radius of the circle, we have

$$\omega = \frac{v}{r},$$

$$\text{i.e. } v = r\omega.$$

**Exs.** If the moving point describe a circle of 3 feet radius with unit angular velocity, the speed is given by  $v = 3 \cdot 1 = 3$  feet per second.

If the moving point describe a circle of 5 feet radius with speed 8 feet per second, its angular velocity  $\omega$  is given by  $\omega = \frac{8}{5}$  radian per second.



## EXAMPLES. III.

1. A wheel turns about its centre, making 200 revolutions per minute; what is the angular velocity of any point on the wheel about the centre?

2. A wheel turns about its centre, making 4 revolutions per second; what is the angular velocity of any point on the wheel about the centre and what is its linear velocity, if the radius of the wheel be 2 feet?

3. If the minute hand of a clock be 6 feet long, find the velocity of the end in feet per second.

What is its angular velocity?

4. Compare the velocities of the extremities of the hour, minute, and second hands of a watch, their lengths being  $\cdot 48$ ,  $\cdot 8$ , and  $\cdot 24$  inches respectively.

5. A treadmill, with axis horizontal and of diameter 40 feet, makes one revolution in 40 seconds. At what rate per hour does a man upon it walk over its surface, supposing he always keeps at the same height above the ground?

6. From a train moving with velocity  $V$  a carriage on a road parallel to the line, at a distance  $d$  from it, is observed to move so as to appear always in a line with a more distant fixed object whose least distance from the railway is  $D$ . Find the velocity of the carriage.

7. A point moves in a circle with uniform speed; shew that its angular velocity about any point on the circumference of the circle is constant.

8. A string has one end attached to the corner of a square board, fixed on a smooth horizontal table, and is wound round the square carrying a particle at its other end; the particle is projected with velocity  $u$  at right angles to the side of the square whose side is  $a$ ; if the length of the string be  $4a$ , find the time that the string takes to unwrap itself from the square, assuming that the speed of the particle remains the same throughout the motion.

**\*\* 9.** *A wheel rolls uniformly on the ground, without sliding, its centre describing a straight line; to find the velocities of different points of its rim.*

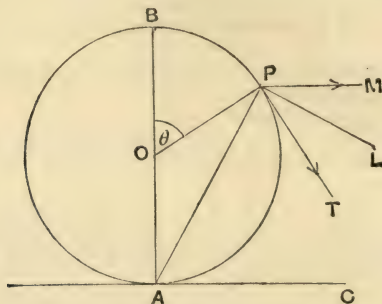
Let  $O$  be the centre and  $r$  the radius of the wheel, and let  $v$  be the velocity with which the centre advances. Let  $A$  be the point of the wheel in contact with the ground at any instant.

Now the wheel turns uniformly round its centre whilst the centre moves forward in a straight line; also, since each point of the wheel in succession touches the ground, it follows that any point of the wheel describes the perimeter of the wheel relative to the centre, whilst the centre moves through a distance equal to the perimeter; hence the velocity of any point of the wheel relative to the centre is equal in magnitude to the velocity  $v$  of the centre.



Hence any point  $P$  of the wheel possesses two velocities each equal to  $v$ , one along the tangent,  $PT$ , at  $P$  to the circle, and the other in the direction,  $PM$ , in which the centre  $O$  is moving.

Hence velocity of  $A = v - v = 0$ , and so  $A$  is at rest for the instant.  
So velocity of  $B = v + v = 2v$ .



Consider the motion of any other point  $P$ . It has two velocities, each equal to  $v$  along  $PM$  and  $PT$  respectively.

Now the  $\angle MPT = \angle POB = \theta$  (say).

The resultant of these two velocities  $v$  is a velocity  $2v \cos \frac{\theta}{2}$  along

$PL$ , where  $\angle LPT = \frac{\theta}{2} = \angle OPA$ .

Hence  $\angle APL = \angle OPT = \text{a right angle}$ .

Hence the direction of motion of the point  $P$  is perpendicular to  $AP$ , and its angular velocity about  $A$

$$= \frac{2v \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{AP} = \frac{2v \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{2r \cos \frac{\theta}{2}} = \frac{v}{r}$$

= the angular velocity of the wheel about  $O$ .

Hence each point of the wheel is turning about the point of contact of the wheel with the ground, with a constant angular velocity whose measure is the velocity of the centre of the wheel divided by the radius of the wheel.

10. An engine is travelling at the rate of 60 miles per hour and its wheel is 4 feet in diameter; find the velocity and direction of motion of each of the two points of the wheel which are at a height of 3 feet above the ground.

11. If a railway carriage be moving at the rate of 30 miles per hour and the diameter of its wheel be 3 feet, what is the angular velocity of the wheel when there is no sliding? find also the relative velocity of the highest point of the wheel with respect to the centre.

12. If a railway carriage be moving at the rate of 30 miles per hour and the radius of the wheel be 2 feet, what is the angular velocity of the wheel when there is no sliding? Also what is the relative velocity of the highest point of the wheel with respect to the centre?

13. The wheel of a carriage is of radius 2 feet and the carriage is moving at the rate of 10 miles per hour; if there be no slipping, find the velocity of the highest point, and also the velocities of points which are at heights of 1 and 3 feet respectively above the ground.

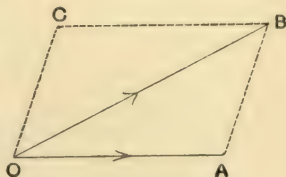
NOTE. The expression ft./sec. is by some writers used to denote a velocity of one foot per second. Thus "a velocity of 3 ft./sec." means "a velocity of 3 feet per second." So "a velocity of 10 cm./sec." means "a velocity of 10 centimetres per second."

## CHAPTER II.

### ACCELERATION.

**27. Change of Velocity.** Suppose a point at any instant to be moving with a velocity represented by  $OA$ , and that at some subsequent time its velocity is represented by  $OB$ .

Join  $AB$ , and complete the parallelogram  $OACB$ .



Then velocities represented by  $OA$  and  $OC$  are equivalent to the velocity  $OB$ . Hence the velocity  $OC$  is the velocity which must be compounded with  $OA$  to produce the velocity  $OB$ . The velocity  $OC$  is therefore the change of velocity in the given time.

Thus the change of velocity is not, in general, the difference in magnitude between the magnitudes of the two velocities, but is that velocity which compounded with the original velocity gives the final velocity.

The change of velocity is not constant unless the change is constant both in magnitude and direction.

### EXAMPLES. IV.

1. A point is moving with a velocity of 10 feet per second, and at a subsequent instant it is moving at the same rate in a direction inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the former direction; find the change of velocity.

On drawing the figure, as in the last article, we have  $OA = OB = 10$ , and the angle  $AOB = 30^\circ$ .

Since  $OA = OB$ , we have  $\angle OAB = 75^\circ$ , and therefore  $\angle AOC = 105^\circ$ .

Also  $AB = 2OA \sin 15^\circ = 20 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{2}} = 5(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})$ .

Hence the change in the velocity, i.e.,  $OC$ , is  $5(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2})$  in a direction inclined at  $105^\circ$  to the original direction of motion.

2. A ship is observed to be moving eastward with a velocity of 3 miles per hour, and at a subsequent instant it is found to be moving northward at the rate of 4 miles per hour; find the change of velocity.

3. A point is moving with a velocity of 5 feet per second, and at a subsequent instant it is moving at the same rate in a direction inclined at  $60^\circ$  to its former direction; find the change of velocity.

4. A point is moving eastward with a velocity of 20 feet per second, and one hour afterwards it is moving north-east with the same speed; find the change of velocity.

5. A point is describing with uniform speed a circle, of radius 7 yards, in 11 seconds, starting from the end of a fixed diameter; find the change in its velocity after it has described one-sixth of the circumference.

**28. Acceleration. Def.** *The acceleration of a moving point is the rate of change of its velocity.*

Note that the acceleration of a moving point has both magnitude and direction.

The acceleration is uniform when equal changes of velocity take place in equal intervals of time, however small these intervals may be.

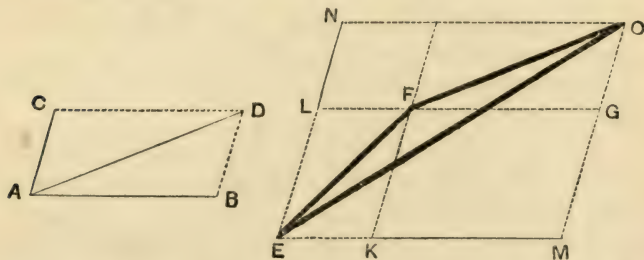
When uniform, the acceleration is measured by the change in the velocity in a unit of time; when variable, it is measured at any instant by what would be the change of the velocity in a unit of time, if during that time the acceleration continued the same as at the instant under consideration.

**29.** The magnitude of the unit of acceleration is the acceleration of a point which moves so that its velocity is changed by the unit of velocity in each unit of time.

Hence a point is moving with  $n$  units of acceleration when its velocity is changed by  $n$  units of velocity in each unit of time.

**30. Theorem. Parallelogram of Accelerations.** *If a moving point have simultaneously two accelerations represented in magnitude and direction by two sides of a parallelogram drawn from a point, they are equivalent to an acceleration represented by the diagonal of the parallelogram passing through that angular point.*

Let the accelerations be represented by the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  of the parallelogram  $ABDC$ , i.e. let  $AB$  and  $AC$  represent the velocities added to the velocity of the point in a unit of time. On the same scale let  $EF$  represent the velocity which the particle has at any instant. Draw the parallelogram  $EKFL$  having its sides parallel to  $AB$  and



$AC$ ; produce  $EK$  to  $M$ , and  $EL$  to  $N$ , so that  $KM$  and  $LN$  are equal to  $AB$  and  $AC$  respectively. Complete the parallelograms as in the above figure.

Then the velocity  $EF$  is equivalent to velocities  $EK$  and  $EL$ . But in the unit of time the velocities  $KM$  and  $LN$  are the changes of velocity.

Therefore at the end of a unit of time the component velocities are equivalent to  $EM$  and  $EN$ , which are equi-



valent to  $EO$ , and this latter velocity is equivalent to velocities  $EF$  and  $FO$ . (Art. 16.)

Hence in the unit of time  $FO$  is the change of velocity of the moving point, i.e.  $FO$  is the resultant acceleration of the point.

But  $FO$  is equal and parallel to  $AD$ .

Hence  $AD$  represents the acceleration which is equivalent to the accelerations  $AB$  and  $AC$ , i.e.  $AD$  is the resultant of the accelerations  $AB$  and  $AC$ .

**31.** It follows from the preceding article that accelerations are resolved and compounded in the same way as velocities, and propositions similar to those of Arts. 13—19 will be true when we substitute “acceleration” for “velocity.”

**32. Theorem.** *A point moves in a straight line, starting with velocity  $u$ , and moving with constant acceleration  $f$  in its direction of motion; if  $v$  be its velocity at the end of time  $t$ , and  $s$  be its distance at that instant from its starting point, then*

$$(1) \quad v = u + ft,$$

$$(2) \quad s = ut + \frac{1}{2}ft^2,$$

$$(3) \quad v^2 = u^2 + 2fs.$$

(1) Since  $f$  denotes the acceleration, i.e., the change in the velocity per unit of time,  $ft$  denotes the change in the velocity in  $t$  units of time.

But, since the particle possessed  $u$  units of velocity initially, at the end of time  $t$  it must possess  $u + ft$  units of velocity, i.e.

$$v = u + ft.$$

(2) Let  $V$  be the velocity at the middle of the interval so that, by (1),  $V = u + f \cdot \frac{t}{2}$ .

Now the velocity changes uniformly throughout the interval  $t$ . Hence the velocity at any instant, preceding the middle of the interval by time  $T$ , is as much less than  $V$ , as the velocity at the same time  $T$  after the middle of the interval is greater than  $V$ .

Hence, since the time  $t$  could be divided into pairs of such equal intervals, the space described is the same as if the point moved for time  $t$  with velocity  $V$ .

$$\therefore s = V \cdot t = \left(u + f \frac{t}{2}\right) t = ut + \frac{1}{2}ft^2.$$

(3) The third relation can be easily deduced from the first two by eliminating  $t$  between them.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For, from (1),} \quad v^2 &= (u + ft)^2 \\ &= u^2 + 2uft + f^2t^2 \\ &= u^2 + 2f\left(ut + \frac{1}{2}ft^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, by (2), } v^2 = u^2 + 2fs.$$

### 33. Alternative proof of equation (2).

Let the time  $t$  be divided into  $n$  equal intervals, each equal to  $\tau$ , so that  $t = n\tau$ .

The velocities of the point at the beginnings of these successive intervals are

$$u, u + f\tau, u + 2f\tau, \dots, u + (n-1)f\tau.$$

Hence the space  $s_1$  which *would be* moved through by the point, if it moved during each of these intervals  $\tau$  with the velocity which it has at the *beginning* of each, is

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= u \cdot \tau + [u + f\tau] \cdot \tau + \dots + [u + f(n-1)\tau] \cdot \tau \\ &= n \cdot u\tau + f\tau^2 \cdot \{1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-1)\} \\ &= n \cdot u\tau + f\tau^2 \cdot \frac{n(n-1)}{1 \cdot 2} \\ &= ut + \frac{1}{2}ft^2 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right), \text{ since } \tau = \frac{t}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Also the velocities at the ends of these successive intervals are

$$u + f\tau, u + 2f\tau, \dots, u + nf\tau.$$

Hence the space  $s_2$  which *would be* moved through by the point, if it moved during each of these intervals  $\tau$  with the velocity which it has at the *end* of each, is

$$\begin{aligned}s_2 &= (u + f\tau) \cdot \tau + (u + 2f\tau) \cdot \tau + \dots + (u + nf\tau) \cdot \tau \\ &= n\tau u + f\tau^2 (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n) \\ &= ut + \frac{1}{2}ft^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right), \text{ as before.}\end{aligned}$$

Now the true space  $s$  is intermediate between  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ ; also the larger we make  $n$  and therefore the smaller the intervals  $\tau$  become, the more nearly do the two hypotheses approach to coincidence.

If we make  $n$  infinitely large the values of  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  both become  $ut + \frac{1}{2}ft^2$ .

Hence 
$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}ft^2.$$

**34.** When the moving point starts from rest we have  $u = 0$ , and the formulae of Art. 32 take the simpler forms

$$\begin{aligned}v &= ft, \\ s &= \frac{1}{2}ft^2, \\ v^2 &= 2fs.\end{aligned}$$

**35.** *Space described in any particular second.*

[The student will notice carefully that the formula (2) of Art. 32 gives, not the space traversed in the  $t^{\text{th}}$  second, but that traversed in  $t$  seconds.]

The space described in the  $t^{\text{th}}$  second.  
= space described in  $t$  seconds – space described in  $(t - 1)$  seconds

$$\begin{aligned}&= [ut + \frac{1}{2}ft^2] - [u(t - 1) + \frac{1}{2}f(t - 1)^2] \\ &= u + \frac{1}{2}f[t^2 - (t - 1)^2] \\ &= u + f \frac{2t - 1}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

Hence the spaces described in the first, second, third, .... $n^{\text{th}}$  seconds of the motion are

$$u + \frac{1}{2}f, u + \frac{3}{2}f, \dots u + \frac{2n - 1}{2}f.$$

These distances form an arithmetical progression whose common difference is  $f$ .

Hence, if a body move with a uniform acceleration, the distances described in successive seconds form an arithmetical progression, whose common difference is equal to the number of units in the acceleration.

**36.** The space described in any particular second may be otherwise found as follows. As in Art. 32, the space described in the  $t^{\text{th}}$  second is the same as that which would be described if the point moved during that second with the velocity which it has at the middle of that second.

Now the velocity at the middle of the  $t^{\text{th}}$  second

$$= \text{velocity at the end of time } (t - \frac{1}{2})$$

$$= u + f(t - \frac{1}{2}).$$

Hence the space described in the  $t^{\text{th}}$  second

$$= u + f \frac{2t - 1}{2}.$$

**37. Ex. 1.** A train, which is moving at the rate of 60 miles per hour, is brought to rest in 3 minutes with a uniform retardation; find this retardation, and also the distance that the train travels before coming to rest.

$$60 \text{ miles per hour} = \frac{60 \times 1760 \times 3}{60 \times 60} = 88 \text{ feet per second.}$$

Let  $f$  be the acceleration with which the train moves.

Since in 180 seconds a velocity of 88 feet per second is destroyed, we have (by formula (i), Art. 32)

$$0 = 88 + f(180).$$

$$\therefore f = -\frac{22}{45} \text{ ft.-sec. units.}$$

[N.B.  $f$  has a negative value because it is a retardation.]

Let  $x$  be the distance described. By formula (3), we have

$$0 = 88^2 + 2 \left( -\frac{22}{45} \right) \cdot x.$$

$$\therefore x = 88^2 \times \frac{45}{44} = 7920 \text{ feet.}$$

**Ex. 2.** *A point is moving with uniform acceleration; in the eleventh and fifteenth seconds from the commencement it moves through 24 and 32 feet respectively; find its initial velocity, and the acceleration with which it moves.*

Let  $u$  be the initial velocity, and  $f$  the acceleration.

Then  $24 =$  distance described in the eleventh second

$$= [u \cdot 11 + \frac{1}{2}f \cdot 11^2] - [u \cdot 10 + \frac{1}{2}f \cdot 10^2].$$

$$\therefore 24 = u + \frac{1}{2}f \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

So  $32 = [u \cdot 15 + \frac{1}{2}f \cdot 15^2] - [u \cdot 14 + \frac{1}{2}f \cdot 14^2].$

$$\therefore 32 = u + \frac{3}{2}f \dots \dots \dots (2).$$

Solving (1) and (2), we have  $u = 3$ , and  $f = 2$ .

Hence the point started with a velocity of 3 feet per second, and moved with an acceleration of 2 ft.-sec. units. This is often called an acceleration of 2 ft./sec.<sup>2</sup>

## EXAMPLES. V.

1. The quantities  $u, f, v, s$ , and  $t$  having the meanings assigned to them in Art. 32,

(1) Given  $u = 2$ ,  $f = 3$ ,  $t = 5$ , find  $v$  and  $s$ ;

(2) Given  $u = 7$ ,  $f = -1$ ,  $t = 7$ , find  $v$  and  $s$ ;

(3) Given  $u = 8$ ,  $v = 3$ ,  $s = 9$ , find  $f$  and  $t$ ;

(4) Given  $v = -6$ ,  $s = -9$ ,  $f = -\frac{3}{2}$ , find  $u$  and  $t$ .

The units of length and time are a foot and a second.

2. A body, starting from rest, moves with an acceleration equal to 2 ft.-sec. units; find the velocity at the end of 20 seconds, and the distance described in that time.

3. In what time would a body acquire a velocity of 30 miles per hour, if it started with a velocity of 4 feet per second and moved with the ft.-sec. unit of acceleration?

4. With what uniform acceleration does a body, starting from rest, describe 1000 feet in 10 seconds?

5. A body, starting from rest, moves with an acceleration of 3 centimetre-second units; in what time will it acquire a velocity of 30 centimetres per second, and what distance does it traverse in that time?

6. A point starts with a velocity of 100 cms. per second and moves with  $-2$  centimetre-second units of acceleration. When will its velocity be zero, and how far will it have gone?



7. A body, starting from rest and moving with uniform acceleration, describes 171 feet in the tenth second; find its acceleration.

8. A particle is moving with uniform acceleration; in the eighth and thirteenth second after starting it moves through  $8\frac{1}{2}$  and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  feet respectively; find its initial velocity and its acceleration.

9. In two successive seconds a particle moves through  $20\frac{1}{2}$  and  $23\frac{1}{2}$  feet respectively; assuming that it was moving with uniform acceleration, find its velocity at the commencement of the first of these two seconds and its acceleration. Find also how far it had moved from rest before the commencement of the first second.

10. A point, moving with uniform acceleration, describes in the last second of its motion  $\frac{9}{25}$ ths of the whole distance. If it started from rest, how long was it in motion and through what distance did it move, if it described 6 inches in the first second?

11. A point, moving with uniform acceleration, describes 25 feet in the half second which elapses after the first second of its motion, and 198 feet in the eleventh second of its motion; find the acceleration of the point and its initial velocity.

12. A body moves for 3 seconds with a constant acceleration during which time it describes 81 feet; the acceleration then ceases and during the next 3 seconds it describes 72 feet; find its initial velocity and its acceleration.

13. The speed of a train is reduced from 40 miles an hour to 10 miles per hour whilst it travels a distance of 150 yards; if the retardation be uniform, find how much further it will travel before coming to rest.

14. A point starts from rest and moves with a uniform acceleration of 18 ft.-sec. units; find the time taken by it to traverse the first, second, and third feet respectively.

15. A particle starts from a point  $O$  with a uniform velocity of 4 feet per second, and after 2 seconds another particle leaves  $O$  in the same direction with a velocity of 5 feet per second and with an acceleration equal to 3 ft.-sec. units. Find when and where it will overtake the first particle.

16. A point moves over 7 feet in the first second during which it is observed, and over 11 and 17 feet in the third and sixth seconds respectively; is this consistent with the supposition that it is subject to a uniform acceleration?

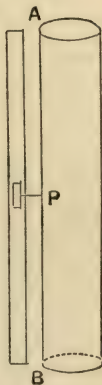
17. A point is moving in a north-east direction with a velocity 6, and has accelerations 8 towards the north and 6 towards the east. Find its position after the lapse of one second. [The units are a foot and second.]

## CHAPTER III.

### MOTION UNDER GRAVITY.

**38. Acceleration of falling bodies.** When a heavy body of any kind falls toward the earth, it is a matter of everyday experience that it goes quicker and quicker as it falls, or, in other words, that it moves with an *acceleration*. That it moves with a *constant* acceleration may be roughly shewn by the following experiment first performed by Morin.

A circular cylinder covered with paper is connected with clock-work and made to rotate about its axis which is vertical. In front of the cylinder is an iron weight, carrying a pencil *P*, which is compelled by guides to fall in a vertical line and is so arranged that the tip of the pencil just touches the paper on the surface of the cylinder.



When the cylinder is revolving uniformly, the weight is allowed to drop and the pencil traces out a curve on the paper. When the weight has reached the ground the paper is unwrapped and stretched out on a flat surface. The curve marked out by the pencil is found to be such that the vertical distances described by the pencil from the beginning of the motion are always proportional to the

squares of the horizontal distances described by it. Now since the cylinder revolved uniformly, these horizontal distances are proportional to times that have elapsed from the commencement of the motion. Hence the vertical distance described is proportional to the square of the time from the commencement of the motion.

But, from Art. 34, we know that, if a point move from rest with a constant acceleration, the space described is proportional to the square of the time.

Hence we infer that a falling body moves with a constant acceleration.

**39.** From the results of the foregoing, and other more accurate, experiments we learn that, if a body be let fall towards the earth *in vacuo*, it will move with an acceleration which is always the same at the same place on the earth, but which varies slightly for different places.

The value of this acceleration, which is called the "acceleration due to gravity," is always denoted by the letter "*g*."

When foot-second units are used, the value of *g* varies from about 32·091 at the equator to about 32·252 at the poles. In the latitude of London its value is about 32·19.

When centimetre-second units are used, the extreme limits are about 978 and 983 respectively, and in the latitude of London the value is about 981.

The best method of determining the value of "*g*" is by means of pendulum experiments; we shall return to the subject again in Chapter XI.

[*In all numerical examples, unless it is otherwise stated, the motion may be supposed to be in vacuo, and the value of g taken to be 32 when foot-second units, and 981 when centimetre-second units, are used.*]

**40. Vertical motion under gravity.** Suppose a body is projected vertically from a point on the earth's surface so that it starts with velocity  $u$ . The acceleration of the body is opposite to the initial direction of motion, and is therefore denoted by  $-g$ . Hence the velocity of the body continually gets less and less until it vanishes; the body is then for an instant at rest, but immediately begins to acquire a velocity in a downward direction, and retraces its steps.

**41. Time to a given height.** The height  $h$  at which a body has arrived in time  $t$  is given by substituting  $-g$  for  $f$  in equation (2) of Art. 32, and is therefore given by

$$h = ut - \frac{1}{2}gt^2.$$

This is a quadratic equation with both roots positive; the lesser root gives the time at which the body is at the given height on the way up, and the greater the time at which it is at the same height on the way down.

Thus the time that elapses before a body, which starts with a velocity of 64 feet per second, is at a height of 28 feet is given by

$$28 = 64t - 16t^2, \text{ whence } t = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{7}{2}.$$

Hence the particle is at the given height in half a second from the commencement of its motion, and again in 3 seconds afterwards.

**42. Velocity at a given height.**

The velocity  $v$  at a given height  $h$  is, by equation (3) of Art. 32, given by

$$v^2 = u^2 - 2gh.$$

Hence the velocity at a given height is independent of the time, and is therefore the same at the same point whether the body be going upwards or downwards.

**43. Greatest height attained.**

At the highest point the velocity is just zero; hence, if  $x$  be the greatest height attained, we have

$$0 = u^2 - 2gx.$$

Hence the greatest height attained  $= \frac{u^2}{2g}$ .

Also the time  $T$  to the greatest height is given by

$$0 = u - gT.$$

$$\therefore T = \frac{u}{g}.$$

**44.** *Velocity due to a given vertical fall from rest.*

If a body be dropped from rest, its velocity after falling through a height  $h$  is obtained by substituting 0,  $g$ , and  $h$  for  $u$ ,  $f$  and  $s$  in equation (3) of Art. 32 ;

$$\therefore v = \sqrt{2gh}.$$

## EXAMPLES. VI

1. A body is projected from the earth vertically with a velocity of 40 feet per second ; find (1) how high it will go before coming to rest, (2) what times will elapse before it is at a height of 9 feet.

2. A particle is projected vertically upwards with a velocity of 40 feet per second. Find (i) when its velocity will be 25 feet per second, and (ii) when it will be 25 feet above the point of projection.

3. A stone is thrown vertically upwards with a velocity of 60 feet per second. After what times will its velocity be 20 feet per second, and at what height will it then be ?

4. Find (1) the distance fallen from rest by a body in 10 seconds, (2) the time of falling 10 feet, (3) the initial vertical velocity when the body describes 1000 feet downwards in 10 seconds.

5. A stone is thrown vertically into a mine-shaft with a velocity of 96 feet per second, and reaches the bottom in 3 seconds ; find the depth of the shaft.

6. A body is projected from the bottom of a mine, whose depth is 88  $g$  feet, with a velocity of 24  $g$  feet per second ; find the time in which the body, after rising to its greatest height, will return to the surface of the earth again.

7. The greatest height attained by a particle projected vertically upwards is 225 feet ; find how soon after projection the particle will be at a height of 176 feet.



8. A body moving in a vertical direction passes a point at a height of 54.5 centimetres with a velocity of 436 centimetres per second; with what initial velocity was it thrown up, and for how much longer will it rise?

9. A particle passes a given point moving downwards with a velocity of fifty metres per second; how long before this was it moving upwards at the same rate?

10. A body is projected vertically upwards with a velocity of 6540 centimetres per second; how high does it rise, and for how long is it moving upwards?

11. Given that a body falling freely passes through 176.99 feet in the sixth second, find the value of  $g$ .

12. A falling particle in the last second of its fall passes through 224 feet. Find the height from which it fell, and the time of its falling.

13. A body falls freely from the top of a tower, and during the last second of its flight falls  $\frac{1}{4}$ ths of the whole distance. Find the height of the tower.

14. A body falls freely from the top of a tower, and during the last second it falls  $\frac{9}{25}$ ths of the whole distance. Find the height of the tower.

15. A stone  $A$  is thrown vertically upwards with a velocity of 96 feet per second; find how high it will rise. After 4 seconds from the projection of  $A$ , another stone  $B$  is let fall from the same point. Shew that  $A$  will overtake  $B$  after 4 seconds more.

16. A body is projected upwards with a certain velocity, and it is found that when in its ascent it is 960 feet from the ground it takes 4 seconds to return to the same point again; find the velocity of projection and the whole height ascended.

17. A body projected vertically downwards described 720 feet in  $t$  seconds, and 2240 feet in  $2t$  seconds; find  $t$ , and the velocity of projection.

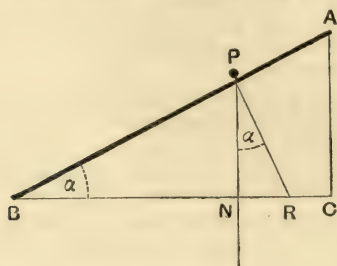
18. A stone is dropped into a well, and the sound of the splash is heard in  $7\frac{7}{10}$  seconds; if the velocity of sound be 1120 feet per second, find the depth of the well.

19. A stone is dropped into a well and reaches the bottom with a velocity of 96 feet per second, and the sound of the splash on the water reaches the top of the well in  $3\frac{9}{10}$  seconds from the time the stone starts; find the velocity of sound.

20. Assuming the acceleration of a falling body at the surface of the moon to be one-sixth of its value on the earth's surface, find the height to which a particle will rise if it be projected vertically upward from the surface of the moon with a velocity of 40 feet per second.

**45. Motion down a smooth inclined plane.**

Let  $AB$  be the vertical section of a smooth inclined



plane inclined at a given angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon, and let  $P$  be a body on the plane.

If there were no plane to stop its motion, the body would fall vertically with an acceleration  $g$ .

Now, by the parallelogram of accelerations, a vertical acceleration  $g$  is equivalent to

- (1) an acceleration  $g \cos \alpha$  perpendicular to the plane in the direction  $PR$ ,

and (2) an acceleration  $g \sin \alpha$  down the plane.

The plane prevents any motion perpendicular to itself.

Hence the body moves down the plane with an acceleration  $g \sin \alpha$ , and the investigation of its motion is similar to that of a freely falling body, except that instead of  $g$  we have to substitute  $g \sin \alpha$ .

It follows at once that the velocity acquired in sliding from rest down a length  $l$  of the plane

$$= \sqrt{2g \sin \alpha \cdot l} = \sqrt{2g \cdot l \sin \alpha} = \sqrt{2g \cdot AC},$$

and is therefore the same as that acquired by a particle in falling freely through a vertical height equal to that of the plane.

**46.** If the body be projected up the plane with initial velocity  $u$ , an investigation similar to that of Arts. 41—43 will give the motion. The greatest distance attained, measured up the plane, is  $\frac{u^2}{2g \sin \alpha}$ ; the time taken in traversing this distance is  $\frac{u}{g \sin \alpha}$ , and so on.

### EXAMPLES. VII.

1. A body is projected with a velocity of 80 feet per second up a smooth inclined plane, whose inclination is  $30^\circ$ ; find the distance described, and the time that elapses, before it comes to rest.

2. A heavy particle slides from rest down a smooth inclined plane which is 15 feet long and 12 feet high. What is its velocity when it reaches the ground, and how long does it take?

3. A particle sliding down a smooth plane, 16 feet long, acquires a velocity of  $16\sqrt{2}$  feet per second; find the inclination of the plane.

4. What is the ratio of the height to the length of a smooth inclined plane, so that a body may be four times as long in sliding down the plane as in falling freely down the height of the plane starting from rest?

5. A particle is projected (1) upwards, (2) downwards, on a plane which is inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}$ ; if the initial velocity be 16 feet per second in each case, find the distances described and the velocities acquired in 4 seconds.

6. A particle slides without friction down an inclined plane, and in the 5th second after starting passes over a distance of 2207·25 centimetres; find the inclination of the plane to the horizon.

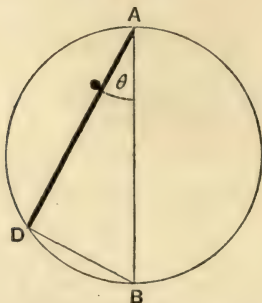
7.  $AB$  is a vertical diameter of a circle, whose plane is vertical, and  $PQ$  a diameter inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to  $AB$ . Find  $\theta$  so that the time of sliding down  $PQ$  may be twice that of sliding down  $AB$ .

**47. Theorem.** *The time that a body takes to slide down any smooth chord of a vertical circle, which is drawn from the highest point of the circle, is constant.*

Let  $AB$  be a diameter of a vertical circle, of which  $A$  is the highest point and  $AD$  any chord.

Let  $\angle DAB = \theta$ ; and put  $AD = x$  and  $AB = a$ , so that  

$$x = a \cos \theta.$$



As in the last article, the acceleration down  $AD$  is  $g \cos \theta$ . Let  $T$  be the time from  $A$  to  $D$ . Then  $AD$  is the distance described in time  $T$  by a particle starting from rest and moving with acceleration  $g \cos \theta$ .

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2}g \cos \theta \cdot T^2.$$

$$\therefore T = \sqrt{\frac{2x}{g \cos \theta}} = \sqrt{\frac{2a}{g}}.$$

This result is independent of  $\theta$ , and is the same as the time of falling vertically through the distance  $AB$ .

Hence the time of falling down all chords of this circle beginning at  $A$  is the same.

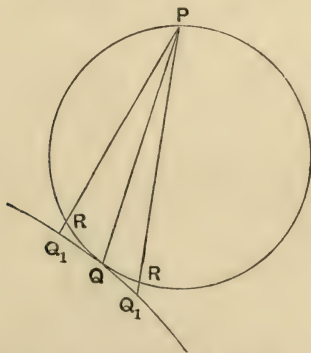
The same theorem will be found to be true for all chords of the same circle *ending* in the *lowest* point.

**48. Lines of quickest descent.** The line of quickest descent from a given point to a curve in the same vertical plane is the straight line down which a body would slide from the given point to the given curve in the shortest time.

It is not, in general, the same line as the geometrically shortest line that can be drawn from the given point to the curve. For example, the straight line down which the time from a given point to a given plane is least, is *not* the perpendicular from the given point upon the given plane, except in the case where the given plane is horizontal.

**49. Theorem.** *The chord of quickest descent from a given point  $P$  to a curve in the same vertical plane is  $PQ$ , where  $Q$  is a point on the curve such that a circle, having  $P$  as its highest point, touches the curve at  $Q$ .*

For let a circle be drawn, having its highest point at  $P$ , to touch the given curve externally in  $Q$ . Take *any*



other point  $Q_1$  on the curve, and let  $PQ_1$  meet the circle again in  $R$ .

Then, since  $PQ_1$  is  $> PR$ ,

the time down  $PQ_1$  is  $>$  time down  $PR$ .

But time down  $PR$  = time down  $PQ$  (Art. 47),

so that the time down  $PQ_1$  is  $>$  time down  $PQ$ ,

and  $Q_1$  is any point on the given curve.

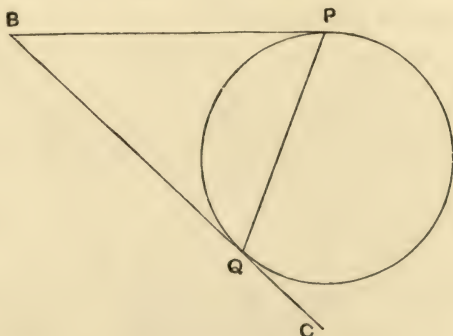


Hence the time down  $PQ$  is less than that down any other straight line from  $P$  to the given curve.

**50.** Similarly it may be shewn that, if we want the chord of quickest descent from a given curve to a given point  $P$ , we must describe a circle having the given point  $P$  as its lowest point to touch the curve in  $Q$ ; then  $PQ$  is the required straight line.

**Ex. 1.** To find the straight line of quickest descent from a given point  $P$  to a given straight line which is in the same vertical plane as  $P$ .

Let  $BC$  be the given straight line. Then we have to describe a circle having its highest point at  $P$  to touch the given straight line.



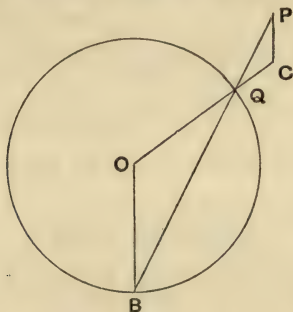
Draw  $PB$  horizontal to meet  $BC$  in  $B$ . From  $BC$  cut off a portion  $BQ$  equal to  $BP$ . Then  $PQ$  is the required chord; for it is clear that a circle can be drawn to touch  $BP$  and  $BQ$  at  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively.

**Ex. 2.** To find the line of quickest descent from a given point to a given circle in the same vertical plane.

Join  $P$  to the lowest point  $B$  of the given circle to meet the circle again in  $Q$ . Then  $PQ$  is the required line. For join  $O$ , the centre of the circle, to  $Q$  and produce to meet the vertical line through  $P$  in  $C$ .

The  $\angle QPC = \angle OBQ$ , since  $OB$  and  $CP$  are parallel,  
 $= \angle OQB = \angle CQP$ .

Hence a circle whose centre is  $C$ , and radius  $CP$ , will have its highest point at  $P$  and will touch the given circle at  $Q$ .



If  $P$  be within the given circle, join  $P$  to the highest point and produce to meet the circumference in  $Q$ ; then  $PQ$  will be the required line.

**51. Ex. 1.** *A cage in a mine-shaft descends with 2 ft.-sec. units of acceleration. After it has been in motion for 10 seconds a particle is dropped on it from the top of the shaft. What time elapses before the particle hits the cage?*

Let  $T$  be the time that elapses after the second particle starts. The distance it has fallen through is therefore  $\frac{1}{2}gT^2$ . The cage has been in motion for  $(T+10)$  seconds, and therefore the distance it has fallen through is

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 (T+10)^2 \text{ or } (T+10)^2.$$

Hence we have

$$(T+10)^2 = \frac{1}{2}gT^2 = 16T^2.$$

$$\therefore T+10=4T.$$

$$\therefore T=3\frac{1}{3} \text{ seconds.}$$

**Ex. 2.** *A stone is thrown vertically with the velocity which would just carry it to a height of 100 feet. Two seconds later another stone is projected vertically from the same place with the same velocity; when and where will they meet?*

Let  $u$  be the initial velocity of projection. Since the greatest height is 100 feet, we have

$$0 = u^2 - 2g \cdot 100.$$

$$\therefore u = \sqrt{2g \cdot 100} = 80.$$

Let  $T$  be the time after the first stone starts before the two stones meet.

Then the distance traversed by the first stone in time  $T$  = distance traversed by the second stone in time  $(T - 2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore 80T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2 &= 80(T - 2) - \frac{1}{2}g(T - 2)^2 \\ &= 80T - 160 - \frac{1}{2}g(T^2 - 4T + 4).\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 160 = \frac{1}{2}g(4T - 4) = 16(4T - 4).$$

$$\therefore T = 3\frac{1}{2} \text{ seconds.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Also the height at which they meet} &= 80T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2 \\ &= 280 - 196 = 84 \text{ feet.}\end{aligned}$$

The first stone will be coming down and the second stone going upwards.

### EXAMPLES. VIII.

1. From a balloon, ascending with a velocity of 32 ft. per second, a stone is let fall and reaches the ground in 17 seconds; how high was the balloon when the stone was dropped?

2. If a body be let fall from a height of 64 feet at the same instant that another is sent vertically from the foot of the height with a velocity of 64 feet per second, what time elapses before they meet?

If the first body starts 1 sec. later than the other, what time will elapse?

3. A tower is 288 feet high; one body is dropped from the top of the tower and at the same instant another is projected vertically upwards from the bottom, and they meet half-way up; find the initial velocity of the projected body and its velocity when it meets the descending body.

4. A body is dropped from the top of a given tower, and at the same instant a body is projected from the foot of the tower, in the same vertical line, with a velocity which would be just sufficient to take it to the same height as the tower; find where they will meet.

5. A particle is dropped from a height  $h$ , and after falling  $\frac{3}{4}$  of that distance passes a particle which was projected upwards at the instant when the first was dropped. Find to what height the latter will attain.

6. A body begins to slide down a smooth inclined plane from rest at the top, and at the same instant another body is projected upwards from the foot of the plane with such a velocity that they meet half-way up the plane; find the velocity of projection and determine the velocity of each when they meet.

7. A body is projected upwards with velocity  $u$ , and  $t$  seconds afterwards another body is similarly projected with the same velocity; find when and where they will meet.

8. A balloon ascends with a uniform acceleration of 4 ft.-sec. units; at the end of half a minute a body is released from it; find the time that elapses before the body reaches the ground.

9. After a ball has been falling under gravity for 5 seconds it passes through a pane of glass and loses half its velocity; if it now reach the ground in 1 second, find the height of the glass above the ground.

10. The space described by a falling body in the last second of its motion is to that described in the last second but one as 3 : 2; find the height from which the body was dropped, and the velocity with which it strikes the ground.

11. A plane is of length 288 feet and of height 64 feet; shew how to divide it into three parts so that a particle at the top of the plane may describe the portions in equal times, and find these times.

12. Shew that the time that a particle takes to slide down a chord of a vertical circle, starting from one end of a horizontal diameter, varies as the square root of the tangent of the inclination of the chord to the vertical.

13. A number of smooth rods meet in a point  $A$  and rings placed on them slide down the rods, starting simultaneously from  $A$ . Shew that after a time  $t$  the rings are all on a sphere of radius  $\frac{gt^2}{4}$ .

14. A number of bodies slide from rest down smooth inclined planes which all commence at the same point and terminate on the same horizontal plane; shew that the velocities acquired are the same.

15. Two heavy bodies descend the height and length respectively of a smooth inclined plane; shew that the times vary as the spaces described and that the velocities acquired are equal.

16. A heavy particle slides down a smooth inclined plane of given height; shew that the time of descent varies as the secant of the inclination of the plane to the vertical.

17. A body slides down smooth chords of a vertical circle ending in its lowest point; shew that the velocity on reaching the lowest point varies as the length of the chord.

18. If two circles touch each other at their highest or lowest points, and a straight line be drawn through the point to meet both circles, shew that the time of sliding from rest down the portion of this line intercepted between the two circles is constant.

19. A plane, of height  $h$  and inclination  $\alpha$  to the horizon, has a smooth groove cut in it inclined at an angle  $\beta$  to the line of greatest slope; find the time that a particle would take to describe the groove, starting from rest at the top.

20. If a length  $s$  be divided into  $n$  equal parts at the end of each of which the acceleration of a moving point is increased by  $\frac{f}{n}$ , find the velocity of a particle after describing the distance  $s$  if it started from rest with acceleration  $f$ .

21. A particle starts from rest with acceleration  $f$ ; at the end of time  $t$  it becomes  $2f$ ; it becomes  $3f$  at end of time  $2t$ , and so on. Find the velocity at the end of time  $nt$ , and shew that the distance described is

$$\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{12} f \cdot t^2.$$

22. A body starts from rest and moves with uniform acceleration; shew that the distance described in the  $(n^2 + n + 1)$ th second is equal to the distance described in the first  $n$  seconds together with the distance described in the first  $(n + 1)$  seconds.

23. If a particle occupies  $n$  seconds less and acquires a velocity of  $m$  feet per second more at one place than at another in falling through the same distance, shew that  $\frac{m}{n}$  equals the geometrical mean between the numerical values of gravity at the two places.

24. A train goes from rest at one station to rest at another, one mile off, being uniformly accelerated for the first  $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the journey and uniformly retarded for the remainder, and takes 3 minutes to describe the whole distance. Find the acceleration, the retardation, and the maximum velocity.

25. An engine-driver suddenly puts on his brake and shuts off steam when he is running at full speed; in the first second afterwards the train travels 87 feet, and in the next 85 feet. Find the original speed of the train, the time that elapses before it comes to rest, and the distance it will travel in this interval, assuming the brake to cause a constant retardation. Find also the time the train will take, if it be 96 yards long, to pass a spectator standing at a point 484 yards ahead of the train at the instant when the brake was applied.



## CHAPTER IV.

### THE LAWS OF MOTION.

**52.** IN the present chapter we propose to consider the production of motion, and it will be necessary to commence with a few elementary definitions.

**Matter** is "that which can be perceived by the senses" or "that which can be acted upon by, or can exert, force."

No definition can however be given that would convey an idea of what matter is to anyone who did not already possess that idea. It, like time and space, is a primary conception.

A **Body** is a portion of matter which is bounded by surfaces, and which is limited in every direction.

A **Particle** is a portion of matter which is infinitely small in all its dimensions.

The **Mass** of a body is the quantity of matter in the body.

**Force** is that which changes, or tends to change, the state of rest or uniform motion of a body.

**53.** These definitions may appear to the student to be vague, but we may illustrate their meaning somewhat as follows.

If we have a small portion of any substance, say iron, resting on a smooth table, we may by a push be able to move it fairly easily; if we take a larger quantity of the same iron, the same effort on our part will be able to move it less easily. Again, if we take two portions of platinum and wood of exactly the same size and shape, the effect produced on these two substances by equal efforts on our part will be quite different. Thus common experience shews us that the same effort applied to different bodies, under seemingly the same conditions, does not always produce the same result. This is because the *masses* of the bodies are different.

**54.** If to the same mass we apply two forces in succession, and they generate the same velocity in the same time, the forces are said to be equal.

If the same force be applied to two different masses, and if it produce in them the same velocity in the same time, the masses are said to be equal.

The student will notice that we here assume that it is possible to create forces of equal intensity on different occasions, *e.g.* we assume that the force necessary to keep a spiral spring stretched through the same distance is the same when other conditions are unaltered.

Hence by applying the same force in succession we can obtain a number of masses each equal to a standard unit of mass.

**55.** The British unit of mass is called the Imperial Pound, and consists of a lump of platinum deposited in the Exchequer Office, of which there are in addition several accurate copies kept in other places of safety.

The French, or scientific, unit of mass is called a gramme, and is the one-thousandth part of a certain quantity of platinum deposited in

the Archives. The gramme was meant to be defined as the mass of a cubic centimetre of pure water at a temperature of  $4^{\circ}$  C.

It is a much smaller unit than a Pound.

One Gramme=about 15.432 grains.

One Pound=about 453.6 grammes.

The system of units in which a centimetre, gramme, and second, are respectively the units of length, mass, and time, is generally called the c.g.s. system of units.

**56. Density.** The density of a uniform body is the mass of a unit volume of the body; so that, if  $m$  be the mass of volume  $V$  of a body whose density is  $\rho$ , then

$$m = V\rho.$$

**57. The Weight** of a body is the force with which the earth attracts the body.

It can be shewn that every particle of matter in nature attracts every other particle with a force, which varies directly as the product of the masses of the quantities, and inversely as the square of the distance between them; hence it can be deduced that a sphere attracts a particle on, or outside, its surface with a force which varies inversely as the square of the distance of the particle from the centre of the sphere. The earth is not accurately a sphere, and therefore points on its surface are not equidistant from the centre; hence the attraction of the earth for a given mass is not the same at all points of its surface, and therefore the weight of a given mass is different at different points of the earth.

**58. The Momentum** of a body is proportional to the product of the mass and the velocity of the body.

If we take as the unit of momentum the momentum of a unit mass moving with unit velocity, then the momentum of a body is  $mv$ , where  $m$  is the mass and  $v$  the velocity of the body. The direction of the momentum is the same as that of the velocity.

**59.** We can now enunciate what are commonly called Newton's Laws of Motion.

They are ;

**Law I.** *Every body continues in its state of rest, or of uniform motion in a straight line, except in so far as it be compelled by external impressed force to change that state.*

**Law II.** *The rate of change of momentum is proportional to the impressed force, and takes place in the direction of the straight line in which the force acts.*

**Law III.** *To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.*

No formal proof, experimental or otherwise, can be given of these three laws. On them however is based the whole system of Dynamics, and on Dynamics the whole theory of Astronomy. Now the results obtained, and the predictions made, from the theory of Astronomy agree so well with the actual observed facts of Astronomy that it is inconceivable that the original laws on which the subject is based should be erroneous. For example, the Nautical Almanac is published four years beforehand, and the predictions in it are always correct. Hence we believe in the truth of the above three laws of motion because the conclusions drawn from them agree with our experience.

**60. Law I.** We never see this law practically exemplified in nature because it is impossible ever to get rid of all forces during the motion of the body. It may be seen approximately in operation in the case of a piece of dry, hard ice projected along the surface of dry, well swept, ice. The only forces acting on the fragment of ice, in the direction of its motion, are the friction between the two portions of ice and the resistance of the air. The smoother the surface of the ice the further the small portion will go, and the less the resistance of the air the

further it will go. The above law asserts that **if** the ice were perfectly smooth and **if** there were no resistance of the air and no other forces acting on the body, then it would go on for ever in a straight line with uniform velocity.

The law states a principle sometimes called the **Principle of Inertia**, viz.—that a body has no *innate* tendency to change its state of rest or of uniform motion in a straight line. If a portion of metal attached to a piece of string be swung round on a smooth horizontal table, then, if the string break, the metal, having no longer any force acting on it, proceeds to move in a straight line, viz. the tangent to the circle at the point at which its circular motion ceased.

If a man step out of a rapidly moving train he is generally thrown to the ground; his feet on touching the ground are brought to rest; but, as no force acts on the upper part of his body, it continues its motion as before, and the man falls to the ground.

If a man be riding on a horse which is galloping at a fairly rapid pace and the horse suddenly stops, the rider is in danger of being thrown over the horse's head.

If a man be seated upon the back seat of a dog-cart, and the latter suddenly start, the man is very likely to be left behind.

**61. Law II.** From this law we derive our method of measuring force.

Let  $m$  be the mass of a body, and  $f$  the acceleration produced in it by the action of a force whose measure is  $P$ .



Then, by the second law of motion,

$P \propto$  rate of change of momentum,

$\propto$  rate of change of  $mv$ ,

$\propto m \times$  rate of change of  $v$  ( $m$  being unaltered),

$\propto m.f.$

$\therefore P = \lambda . mf$ , where  $\lambda$  is some constant.

Now let the unit of force be so chosen that it may produce in unit mass the unit of acceleration.

Hence, when  $m = 1$  and  $f = 1$ , we have  $P = 1$ ,  
and therefore  $\lambda = 1$ .

The unit of force being thus chosen, we have

$$P = m.f.$$

Therefore, when proper units are chosen, the measure of the force is *equal* to the measure of the rate of change of the momentum.

**62.** From the preceding article it follows that the magnitude of the unit of force used in Dynamics depends on the units of mass, and acceleration, that we use. The unit of acceleration, again, depends, by Arts. 9 and 29, on the units of length and time. Hence the unit of force depends on our units of mass, length, and time. When these latter units are given the unit of force is a determinate quantity.

When a pound, a foot, and a second are respectively the units of mass, length, and time, the corresponding unit of force is called a **Poundal**.

Hence the equation  $P = mf$  is a true relation,  $m$  being the number of pounds in the body,  $P$  the number of poundals in the force acting on it, and  $f$  the number of units of acceleration produced in the mass  $m$  by the action of the force  $P$  on it.

This relation is sometimes expressed in the form

$$\text{Acceleration} = \frac{\text{Moving Force}}{\text{Mass moved}}.$$

N.B. All through this book the unit of force used will be a poundal, unless it is otherwise stated. Thus, when we say that the tension of a string is  $T$ , we mean  $T$  poundals.

**63.** When a gramme, a centimetre, and a second are respectively the units of mass, length, and time the corresponding unit of force is called a **Dyne**.

Hence when the equation  $P = mf$  is used in this system the force must be expressed in dynes, the mass in grammes, and the acceleration in centimetre-second units.

**64. Connection between the unit of force and the weight of the unit of mass.** As explained in Art. 39, we know that, when a body drops freely *in vacuo*, it moves with an acceleration which we denote by " $g$ "; also the force which causes this acceleration is what we call its weight.

Now the unit of force acting on the unit of mass produces in it the unit of acceleration.

Therefore  $g$  units of force acting on the unit of mass produce in it  $g$  units of acceleration (by the second law).

But the weight of the unit of mass is that which produces in it  $g$  units of acceleration.

Hence the weight of the unit of mass =  $g$  units of force.

**65. Foot-Pound-Second System of units.** In this system  $g$  is equal to 32.2 approximately.

Therefore the weight of one pound is equal to  $g$  units of force, i.e. to  $g$  poundals, where  $g = 32.2$  approximately.

Hence a poundal is approximately equal to  $\frac{1}{32.2}$  times the weight of a pound, i.e. to about the weight of half an ounce.

Since  $g$  has different values at different points of the

earth's surface, and since a poundal is a force which is the same everywhere, it follows that **the weight of a pound is not constant, but has different values at different points of the earth.**

**66. Centimetre-Gramme-Second System of units.** In this system  $g$  is equal to 981 approximately.

Therefore the weight of one gramme is equal to  $g$  units of force, *i.e.* to  $g$  dynes, where

$$g = 981 \text{ approximately.}$$

Hence a dyne is equal to the weight of about  $\frac{1}{981}$  of a gramme.

The dyne is a much smaller unit than a poundal. The approximate relation between them may be easily found as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{One Poundal}}{\text{One Dyne}} &= \frac{\frac{1}{32.2} \text{ wt. of a pound}}{\frac{1}{981} \text{ wt. of a gramme}} \\ &= \frac{981}{32.2} \times \frac{\text{one pound}}{\text{one gramme}} = \frac{981}{32.2} \times 453.6 \text{ (by Art. 55).} \end{aligned}$$

Hence One Poundal = about 13800 dynes.

### EXAMPLES IX.

**1.** A mass of 20 pounds is acted on by a constant force which in 5 seconds produces a velocity of 15 feet per second. Find the force, if the mass was initially at rest.

From the equation  $v = u + ft$ , we have  $f = \frac{15}{5} = 3$ .

Also, if  $P$  be the force expressed in poundals, we have

$$P = 20 \times 3 = 60 \text{ poundals.}$$

Hence  $P$  is equal to the weight of about  $\frac{60}{16}$ , *i.e.*  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , pounds.

**2.** A mass of 10 pounds is placed on a smooth horizontal plane, and is acted on by a force equal to the weight of 3 pounds; find the distance described by it in 10 seconds.

Here moving force = weight of 3 lbs. =  $3g$  poundals;

and mass moved = 10 pounds.

Hence, using ft.-sec. units, the acceleration =  $\frac{3g}{10}$ ,

so that the distance required =  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3g}{10} \cdot 10^2 = 480$  feet.

3. Find the magnitude of the force which, acting on a kilogramme for 5 seconds, produces in it a velocity of one metre per second.

Here the velocity acquired = 100 cms. per sec.

Hence the acceleration = 20 c.g.s. units.

Hence the force =  $1000 \times 20$  dynes = weight of about  $\frac{1000 \times 20}{981}$  or 20.4 grammes.

4. Find the acceleration produced when

(1) A force of 5 poundals acts on a mass of 10 pounds.

(2) A force equal to the weight of 5 pounds acts on a mass of 10 pounds.

(3) A force of 50 pounds weight acts on a mass of 10 tons.

5. Find the force expressed (1) in poundals, (2) in terms of the weight of a pound, that will produce in a mass of 20 pounds an acceleration of 10 foot-second units.

6. Find the force which, acting horizontally for 5 seconds on a mass of 160 pounds placed on a smooth table, will generate in it a velocity of 15 feet per second.

7. Find the magnitude of the force which, acting on a mass of 10 cwt. for 10 seconds, will generate in it a velocity of 3 miles per hour.

8. A force, equal to the weight of 2 lbs., acts on a mass of 40 lbs. for half a minute; find the velocity acquired, and the space moved through, in this time.

9. A body, acted upon by a uniform force, in ten seconds describes a distance of 25 feet; compare the force with the weight of the body, and find the velocity acquired.

10. In what time will a force, which is equal to the weight of a pound, move a mass of 18 lbs. through 50 feet along a smooth horizontal plane, and what will be the velocity acquired by the mass?

11. A body, of mass 200 tons, is acted on by a force equal to 112000 poundals; how long will it take to acquire a velocity of 30 miles per hour?

12. In what time will a force, equal to the weight of 10 lbs., acting on a mass of 1 ton move it through 14 feet?

13. A mass of 224 lbs. is placed on a smooth horizontal plane, and a uniform pressure acting on it parallel to the table for 5 seconds causes it to describe 50 feet in that time; shew that the pressure is equal to about 28 lbs. weight.



14. A heavy truck, of mass 16 tons, is standing at rest on a smooth line of rails. A horse now pulls at it steadily in the direction of the line of rails with a force equal to the weight of 1 cwt. How far will it move in 1 minute?

15. A force equal to the weight of 10 grammes acts on a mass of 27 grammes for 1 second; find the velocity of the mass and the distance it has travelled over. At the end of the first second the force ceases to act; how far will the body travel in the next minute?

16. A pressure equal to the weight of a kilogramme acts on a body continuously for 10 seconds, and causes it to describe 10 metres in that time; find the mass of the body.

17. A horizontal pressure equal to the weight of 9 lbs. acts on a mass along a smooth horizontal plane; after moving through a space of 25 feet the mass has acquired a velocity of 10 feet per second; find its magnitude.

18. A body is placed on a smooth table and a pressure equal to the weight of 6 lbs. acts continuously on it; at the end of 3 seconds the body is moving at the rate of 48 feet per second; find its mass.

19. A body, of mass 3 lbs., is falling under gravity at the rate of 100 feet per second. What is the uniform force that will stop it (1) in 2 seconds, (2) in 2 feet?

20. Of two forces, one acts on a mass of 5 lbs. and in one-eleventh of a second produces in it a velocity of 5 feet per second, and the other acting on a mass of 625 lbs. in 1 minute produces in it a velocity of 18 miles per hour; compare the two forces.

21. A mass of 10 lbs. falls 10 feet from rest, and is then brought to rest by penetrating 1 foot into some sand; find the average pressure of the sand on it.

22. A cannon-ball of mass 1000 grammes is discharged with a velocity of 45000 centimetres per second from a cannon the length of whose barrel is 200 centimetres; shew that the mean force exerted on the ball during the explosion is  $5.0625 \times 10^9$  dynes.

23. It was found that when 1 foot was cut off from the muzzle of a gun firing a projectile of 100 lbs., the velocity of the projectile was altered from 1490 to 1330 feet per second. Shew that the total pressure on the projectile of the powder-gas at the muzzle, when expanded in the bore, was about 315 tons weight.

24. A bullet moving at the rate of 200 feet per second is fired into a trunk of wood into which it penetrates 9 inches; if a bullet moving with the same velocity were fired into a similar piece of wood 5 inches thick, with what velocity would it emerge, supposing the resistance to be uniform?



**67.** A poundal and a dyne are called **Absolute Units** because their values are not dependent on the value of  $g$ , which varies at different places on the earth's surface. The *weight* of a pound and of a gramme do depend on this value. Hence they are called **Gravitation Units**.

**68.** *The weight of a body is proportional to its mass and is independent of the kind of matter of which it is composed.* The following is an experimental fact: If we have an air-tight receiver, and if we allow to drop at the same instant, from the same height, portions of matter of any kind whatever, such as a piece of metal, a feather, a piece of paper etc., all these substances will be found to have always fallen through the same distance, and to hit the base of the receiver at the same time, whatever be the substances, or the height from which they are allowed to fall. Since these bodies always fall through the same height in the same time, therefore their velocities [rates of change of space,] and their accelerations [rates of change of velocity,] must be always the same.

The student can approximately perform the above experiment without creating a vacuum. Take a penny and a light substance, say a small piece of paper; place the paper on the penny, held horizontally, and allow both to drop. They will be found to keep together in their fall, although, if they be dropped separately, the penny will reach the ground much quicker than the paper. The penny clears the air out of the way of the paper and so the same result is produced as would be the case if there were no air.

Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  poundals be the weights of any two of these bodies,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  their masses. Then since their accelerations are the same and equal to  $g$ , we have

$$W_1 = m_1 g,$$

$$\text{and} \quad W_2 = m_2 g;$$

$$\therefore W_1 : W_2 :: m_1 : m_2,$$

or the weight of a body is proportional to its mass.

Hence bodies whose weights are equal have equal

masses; so also the ratio of the masses of two bodies is known when the ratio of their weights is known.

N.B. The equation  $W = mg$  is a numerical one, and means that the number of units of force in the weight of a body is equal to the product of the number of units of mass in the mass of the body, and the number of units of acceleration produced in the body by its weight.

**69. Distinction between mass and weight.** The student must carefully notice the difference between the mass and the weight of a body. He has probably been so accustomed to estimate the masses of bodies by means of their weights that he has not clearly distinguished between the two. If it were possible to have a cannon-ball at the centre of the earth it would have no weight there; for the attraction of the earth on a particle at its centre is zero. If, however, it were in motion, the same force would be required to stop it as would be necessary under similar conditions at the surface of the earth. Hence we see that it might be possible for a body to have no weight; its mass however remains unaltered.

The confusion is probably to a great extent caused by the fact that the word "pound" is used in two senses which are scientifically different; it is used to denote both what we more properly call "the mass of one pound" and "the weight of one pound." It cannot be too strongly impressed on the student that, strictly speaking, a pound is a mass and a mass only; when we wish to speak of the force with which the earth attracts this mass we ought to speak of the "weight of a pound." This latter phrase is often shortened into "a pound," but care must be taken to see in which sense this word is used.

It may also be noted here that the expression "a ball of lead weighing 20 lbs." is, strictly speaking, an abbreviation for "a ball of lead whose weight is equal to the weight of 20 lbs." The mass of the lead is 20 lbs.; its weight is  $20g$  poundals.

**70. Weighing by Scales and a Spring Balance.** We have pointed out (Art. 39) that the acceleration due to gravity, *i.e.* the value of  $g$ , varies slightly as we proceed from point to point of the earth's surface. When we weigh out a substance (say tea) by means of a pair of scales, we adjust the tea until the weight of the tea is the same as the weight of sundry pieces of metal whose masses are known, and then, by Art. 68, we know that the mass of the tea is the same as the mass of the metal. Hence a pair of scales really measures masses and not weights, and so the apparent weight of the tea is the same everywhere.

When we use a spring balance, we compare the *weight* of the tea with the *force* necessary to keep the spring stretched through a certain

distance. If then we move our tea and spring balance to another place, say from London to Paris, the weight of the tea will be different, whilst the force necessary to keep the spring stretched through the same distance as before will be the same. Hence the weight of the tea will pull the spring through a distance different from the former distance, and hence its apparent weight as shewn by the instrument will be different.

If we have two places, *A* and *B*, at the first of which the numerical value of *g* is greater than at the second, then a given mass of tea will [as tested by the spring balance,] appear to weigh more at *A* than it does at *B*.

**Ex. 1.** At the equator the value of *g* is 32·09 and in London the value is 32·2; a merchant buys tea at the equator, at a shilling per pound, and sells in London; at what price per pound (apparent) must he sell so that he may neither gain nor lose, if he use the same spring balance for both transactions?

A quantity of tea which weighs 1 lb. at the equator will appear to weigh  $\frac{32\cdot2}{32\cdot09}$  lbs. in London. Hence he should sell  $\frac{32\cdot2}{32\cdot09}$  lbs. for one shilling, or at the rate of  $\frac{3209}{3220}$  shillings per pound.

**Ex. 2.** At a place *A*,  $g=32\cdot24$ , and at a place *B*,  $g=32\cdot12$ . A merchant buys goods at £10 per cwt. at *A* and sells at *B*, using the same spring balance. If he is to gain 20 per cent., shew that his selling price must be £12. 0s. 10½d. per cwt.

**71. Physical Independence of Forces.** The latter part of the Second Law states that the change of motion produced by a force is in the direction in which the force acts.

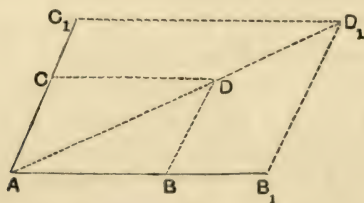
Suppose we have a particle in motion in the direction *AB* and a force acting on it in the direction *AC*; then the law states that the velocity in the direction *AB* is unchanged, and that the only change of velocity is in the direction *AC*; so that to find the real velocity of the particle at the end of a unit of time, we must compound its velocity in the direction *AB* with the velocity generated in that unit of time by the force in the direction *AC*. The same reasoning would hold if we had a second force

acting on the particle in some other direction, and so for any system of forces. Hence if a set of forces act on a particle at rest, or in motion, their combined effect is found by considering the effect of each force on the particle *just as if the other forces did not exist, and as if the particle were at rest*, and then compounding these effects. This principle is often referred to as that of the *Physical Independence of Forces*.

As an illustration of this principle consider the motion of a ball allowed to fall from the hand of a passenger in a train which is travelling rapidly. It will be found to hit the floor of the carriage at exactly the same spot as it would have done if the carriage had been at rest. This shews that the ball must have continued to move forward with the same velocity that the train had, or, in other words, the weight of the body only altered the motion in the vertical direction, and had no influence on the horizontal velocity of the particle.

Again, a circus-rider, who wishes to jump through a hoop, springs in a vertical direction from the horse's back; his horizontal velocity is the same as that of the horse and remains unaltered; he therefore alights on the horse's back at the spot from which he started.

**72. Parallelogram of Forces.** We have shewn in Art. 30 that if a particle of mass  $m$  have accelerations



$f_1$  and  $f_2$  represented in magnitude and direction by lines  $AB$  and  $AC$ , then its resultant acceleration  $f_3$  is represented in magnitude and direction by  $AD$ , the diagonal of the parallelogram of which  $AB$  and  $AC$  are adjacent sides.

Since the particle has an acceleration  $f_1$  in the direction



$AB$  there must be a force  $P_1 (= mf_1)$  in that direction, and similarly a force  $P_2 (= mf_2)$  in the direction  $AC$ . Let  $AB_1$  and  $AC_1$  represent these forces in magnitude and direction. Complete the parallelogram  $AB_1D_1C_1$ . Then since the forces in the directions  $AB_1$  and  $AC_1$  are proportional to the accelerations in those directions,

$$\therefore AB_1 : AB :: B_1D_1 : BD.$$

Hence, by simple geometry, we have  $A$ ,  $D$  and  $D_1$  in a straight line, and

$$\therefore AD_1 : AD :: AB_1 : AB.$$

Hence  $AD_1$  represents the force which produces the acceleration represented by  $AD$ , and hence is the force which is equivalent to the forces represented by  $AB_1$  and  $AC_1$ .

Hence we infer the truth of the Parallelogram of Forces which may be enunciated as follows:

*If a particle be acted on by two forces represented in magnitude and direction by the two sides of a parallelogram drawn from a point, they are equivalent to a force represented in magnitude and direction by the diagonal of the parallelogram passing through the point.*

**Cor.** If in Arts. 13—19 which are founded on the Parallelogram of Velocities we substitute the word “force” for “velocity” they will still be true.

**73. Law III.** *To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.*

Every exertion of force consists of a mutual action between two bodies. This mutual action is called the stress between the two bodies, so that the Action and Reaction of Newton together form the Stress.



**Illustrations.** 1. If a book rest on a table, the book presses the table with a force equal and opposite to that which the table exerts on the book.

2. If a man raise a weight by means of a string tied to it, the string exerts on the man's hand exactly the same force that it exerts on the weight, but in the opposite direction.

3. The attraction of the earth on a body is its weight, and the body attracts the earth with a force equal and opposite to its own weight.

4. When a horse drags a canal-boat by means of a rope, the rope drags the horse back with a force equal to that with which it drags the boat forward. [The weight of the rope is neglected.]

[The horse begins to move because the horizontal force which the earth exerts on him, which is equal and opposite to the horizontal force which he exerts on the earth, is greater than the force which the rope exerts on him; the boat begins to move because the force exerted by the rope is greater than the resistance that the water offers to its motion. In other words, at the commencement of the motion, the horizontal force exerted by the horse > the tension of the rope > the resistance of the water. When the horse and boat are moving uniformly, these three forces are equal.]

## CHAPTER V.

### LAWS OF MOTION (CONTINUED). APPLICATION TO SIMPLE PROBLEMS.

#### 74. Motion of two particles connected by a string.

*Two particles, of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , are connected by a light inextensible string which passes over a small smooth pulley. If  $m_1 > m_2$ , find the resulting motion of the system, and the tension of the string.*

Let the tension of the string be  $T$  poundals; the pulley being smooth, this will be the same throughout the string.

Since the string is inextensible, the velocity of  $m_2$  upwards must, throughout the motion, be the same as that of  $m_1$  downwards.

Hence their accelerations [rates of change of velocity] must be the same in magnitude. Let the magnitude of the common acceleration be  $f$ .

Now the force on  $m_1$  downwards is  $m_1g - T$  poundals.

Hence  $m_1g - T = m_1f$  .....(1).

So the force on  $m_2$  upwards is  $T - m_2g$  poundals;

$\therefore T - m_2g = m_2f$  .....(2).

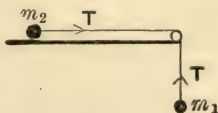


Adding (1) and (2), we have  $f = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} g$ , giving the common acceleration.

Also, from (2),  $T = m_2 (f + g) = \frac{2m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} g$  poundals.

Since the acceleration is known and constant, the equations of Art. 32 give the space moved through and the velocity acquired in any given time.

**75.** *Two particles, of masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , are connected by a light inextensible string;  $m_2$  is placed on a smooth horizontal table and the string passes over the edge of the table,  $m_1$  hanging freely; find the resulting motion.*



Let the tension of the string be  $T$  poundals.

The velocity and acceleration of  $m_2$  along the table must be equal to the velocity and acceleration of  $m_1$  in a vertical direction.

Let  $f$  be the common acceleration of the masses.

The force on  $m_1$  downward is

$$m_1 g - T;$$

$$\therefore m_1 g - T = m_1 f \dots\dots\dots(1).$$

The only horizontal force acting on  $m_2$  is the tension  $T$ ; [for the weight of  $m_2$  is balanced by the reaction of the table].

$$\therefore T = m_2 f \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

Adding (1) and (2), we have

$$m_1 g = (m_1 + m_2) f.$$

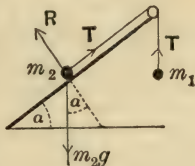
$$\therefore f = \frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2} g,$$

giving the required acceleration.

Hence, from (2),  $T = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} g$  poundals = weight of a body whose mass is

$$\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}.$$

**76.** Two masses,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , are connected by a string;  $m_2$  is placed on a smooth plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon, and the string, after passing over a small smooth pulley at the top of the plane, supports  $m_1$ , which hangs vertically; if  $m_1$  descend, find the resulting motion.



Let the tension of the string be  $T$  poundals. The velocity and acceleration of  $m_2$  up the plane are clearly equal to the velocity and acceleration of  $m_1$  vertically.

Let  $f$  be this common acceleration. For the motion of  $m_1$ , we have

$$m_1 g - T = m_1 f \dots\dots\dots (1).$$

The weight of  $m_2$  is  $m_2 g$  vertically downwards.

The resolved part of  $m_2 g$  perpendicular to the inclined plane is balanced by the reaction  $R$  of the plane, since  $m_2$  has no acceleration perpendicular to the plane.

The resolved part of the weight down the inclined plane is  $m_2 g \sin \alpha$ , and hence the total force up the plane is

$$T - m_2 g \sin \alpha.$$

Hence  $T - m_2 g \sin \alpha = m_2 f \dots\dots\dots (2).$

Adding (1) and (2), we easily have

$$f = \frac{m_1 - m_2 \sin \alpha}{m_1 + m_2} g.$$

Also, substituting in (1),

$$T = m_1 (g - f) = m_1 g \left[ 1 - \frac{m_1 - m_2 \sin \alpha}{m_1 + m_2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{m_1 m_2 (1 + \sin \alpha)}{m_1 + m_2} g,$$

giving the tension of the string.

### EXAMPLES. X.

1. A mass of 9 lbs., descending vertically, drags up a mass of 6 lbs. by means of a string passing over a smooth pulley; find the acceleration of the system and the tension of the string.

2. Two particles, of masses 7 and 9 lbs., are connected by a light string passing over a smooth pulley. Find (1) their common acceleration, (2) the tension of the string, (3) the velocity at the end of 5 seconds, (4) the distance described in 5 seconds.

3. Two particles, of masses 11 and 13 lbs., are connected by a light string passing over a smooth pulley. Find (1) the velocity at the end of 4 seconds, and (2) the space described in 4 seconds. If at the end of 4 seconds the string be cut, find the distance described by each particle in the next 6 seconds.

4. Masses of 14 and 18 ounces are connected by a thread passing over a light pulley; how far do they go in the first 3 seconds of the motion, and what is the tension of the string?

5. Two masses of 5 and 7 lbs. are fastened to the ends of a cord passing over a frictionless pulley supported by a hook. When they are free to move, shew that the pull on the hook is equal to  $11\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. weight.

6. Two equal masses, of 3 lbs. each, are connected by a light string hanging over a smooth peg; if a third mass of 3 lbs. be laid on one of them, by how much is the pressure on the peg increased?

7. Two masses, each equal to  $P$ , are connected by a light string passing over a smooth pulley, and a third mass  $P$  is laid on one of them; find by how much the pressure on the peg is increased.

8. Two masses, each equal to  $m$ , are connected by a string passing over a smooth pulley; what mass must be taken from one and added to the other, so that the system may describe 200 feet in 5 seconds?

9. A mass of 3 lbs., descending vertically, draws up a mass of 2 lbs. by means of a light string passing over a pulley; at the end of 5 seconds the string breaks; find how much higher the 2 lb. mass will go.



10. A body, of mass 9 lbs., is placed on a smooth table at a distance of 8 feet from its edge, and is connected, by a string passing over the edge, with a body of mass 1 lb.; find

(1) the common acceleration,

(2) the time that elapses before the body reaches the edge of the table,

and (3) its velocity on leaving the table.

11. A mass of 70 lbs. is placed on a smooth table at a distance of 8 feet from its edge and connected by a light string passing over the edge with a mass of 10 lbs. hanging freely; what time will elapse before the first mass will leave the table?

12. A particle, of mass 5 lbs., is placed on a smooth plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizon, and connected by a string passing over the top of the plane with a particle of mass 3 lbs., which hangs vertically; find (1) the common acceleration, (2) the tension of the string, (3) the velocity at the end of 3 seconds, (4) the space described in 3 seconds.

13. A particle, of mass 4 lbs., is placed at the bottom of a plane, inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the horizon and of length 7 feet, and is connected with a mass of 3 lbs. by a string passing over the top of the plane; find the common acceleration of the masses, and the time that elapses before the first arrives at the top of the plane.

14. A body, of mass 12 lbs., is placed on an inclined plane, whose height is half its length, and connected by a light string passing over a pulley at the top of the plane with a mass of 8 lbs. which hangs freely; find the distance described by the masses in 5 seconds.

15. A mass of 6 ounces slides down a smooth inclined plane, whose height is half its length, and draws another mass from rest over a distance of 3 feet in 5 seconds along a horizontal table which is level with the top of the plane over which the string passes; find the mass on the table.

16. A mass of 4 ozs. is attached by a string passing over a smooth pulley to a larger mass; find the magnitude of the latter, so that if after the motion has continued 3 seconds the string be cut, the former will ascend  $\frac{1}{2}$  ft. before descending.

17. Two scale-pans, of mass 3 lbs. each, are connected by a string passing over a smooth pulley; shew how to divide a mass of 12 lbs. between the two scale-pans so that the heavier may descend a distance of 50 feet in the first 5 seconds.

18. Two strings pass over a smooth pulley; on one side they are attached to masses of 3 and 4 lbs. respectively, and on the other to one of 5 lbs.; find the tensions of the strings and the acceleration of the system.

19. A string hung over a pulley has at one end a weight of 10 lbs. and at the other end weights of 8 and 4 lbs. respectively; after being in motion for 5 seconds the 4 lb. weight is taken off; find how much further the weights go before they first come to rest.

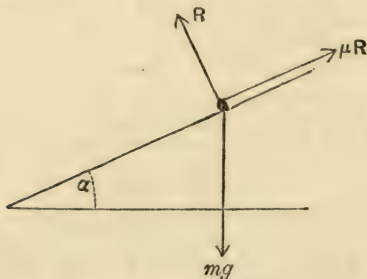
20. Two unequal masses are connected by a string passing over a small smooth pulley; during the ensuing motion shew that the pressure of the axis of the pulley upon its supports is always less than the sum of the weights of the masses.

21. A string passing across a smooth table at right angles to two opposite edges has attached to it at the ends two masses  $P$  and  $Q$  which hang vertically. Prove that, if a mass  $M$  be attached to the portion of the string which is on the table, the acceleration of the system when left to itself will be

$$\frac{P - Q}{P + Q + M}g.$$

**77. Motion on a rough plane.** *A particle slides down a rough inclined plane inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\alpha$ ; if  $\mu$  be the coefficient of friction, to determine the motion.*

Let  $m$  be the mass of the particle, so that its weight is  $mg$  poundals; let  $R$  be the reaction, and  $\mu R$  the friction.



The total force perpendicular to the plane is  
 $(R - mg \cos \alpha)$  poundals.

The total force down the plane is  $(mg \sin \alpha - \mu R)$  poundals.

Now perpendicular to the plane there cannot be any motion, and hence there is no change of motion.

Hence the acceleration, and therefore the total force, in that direction is zero.

$$\therefore R - mg \cos \alpha = 0 \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

Also the acceleration down the plane

$$= \frac{\text{moving force}}{\text{mass moved}} = \frac{mg \sin \alpha - \mu R}{m} = g (\sin \alpha - \mu \cos \alpha), \text{ by (1).}$$

Hence the velocity of the particle after it has moved from rest over a length  $l$  of the plane is, by Art. 32, equal to

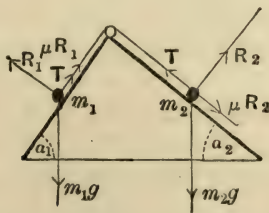
$$\sqrt{2gl (\sin \alpha - \mu \cos \alpha)}.$$

Similarly, if the particle were projected up the plane, we have to change the sign of  $\mu$ , and its acceleration in a direction opposite to that of its motion is

$$g (\sin \alpha + \mu \cos \alpha).$$

**78.** *Two equally rough inclined planes, of equal height, whose inclinations to the horizon are  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ , are placed back to back; two masses,  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , are placed on their inclined faces and are connected by a light inextensible string passing over a smooth pulley at the common vertex of the two planes; if  $m_1$  descend, find the resulting motion.*

Let  $T$  be the tension of the string,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  the pressures of the planes, and  $\mu$  the coefficient of friction.



Since  $m_1$  moves down, the friction on it acts up the plane.

Since  $m_2$  moves *up*, the friction on it acts *down* the plane.

Hence the total force on  $m_1$  down the plane

$$\begin{aligned} &= m_1 g \sin a_1 - T - \mu R_1 \\ &= m_1 g (\sin a_1 - \mu \cos a_1) - T. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, if  $f$  be the common acceleration of the two particles, we have

$$m_1 g (\sin a_1 - \mu \cos a_1) - T = m_1 f \dots\dots\dots (1).$$

Similarly, the total force on  $m_2$  up the plane

$$\begin{aligned} &= T - \mu R_2 - m_2 g \sin a_2 \\ &= T - m_2 g [\sin a_2 + \mu \cos a_2]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$T - m_2 g (\sin a_2 + \mu \cos a_2) = m_2 f \dots\dots\dots (2).$$

Adding (1) and (2), we have

$$f(m_1 + m_2) = g \left[ \begin{array}{l} m_1 (\sin a_1 - \mu \cos a_1) \\ - m_2 (\sin a_2 + \mu \cos a_2) \end{array} \right],$$

giving the required acceleration.

**79.** *A train, of mass 50 tons, is ascending an incline of 1 in 100; the engine exerts a constant tractive force equal to the weight of 1 ton, and the resistance due to friction etc. may be taken at 8 lbs. weight per ton; find the acceleration with which the train ascends the incline.*

The train is retarded by the resolved part of its weight down the incline, and by the resistance of friction.

The latter is equal to  $8 \times 50$  or 400 lbs. wt.

The incline is at an angle  $a$  to the horizon, where  $\sin a = \frac{1}{100}$ .

The resolved part of the weight down the incline therefore

$$\begin{aligned} &= W \sin a = 50 \times 2240 \times \frac{1}{100} \text{ lbs. wt.} \\ &= 1120 \text{ lbs. wt.} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the total force to retard the train = 1520 lbs. wt.

But the engine pulls with a force equal to 2240 lbs. weight.

Therefore the total force to increase the speed equals  $(2240 - 1520)$  or 720 lbs. weight, i.e.  $720g$  poundals.

Also the mass moved is  $50 \times 2240$  lbs.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Hence the acceleration} &= \frac{720g}{50 \times 2240} \\ &= \frac{9g}{1400} \text{ ft.-sec. units.}\end{aligned}$$

Since the acceleration is known, we can, by Art. 32, find the velocity acquired, and the space described, in a given time, etc.

### EXAMPLES. XI.

1. A mass of 5 lbs. on a rough horizontal table is connected by a string with a mass of 8 lbs. which hangs over the edge of the table; if the coefficient of friction be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , find the resultant acceleration.

Find also the coefficient of friction if the acceleration be half that of a freely falling body.

2. A mass  $Q$  on a horizontal table, whose coefficient of friction is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ , is connected by a string with a mass  $3Q$  which hangs over the edge of the table; four seconds after the commencement of the motion the string breaks; find the velocity at this instant.

Find also the distance of the new position of equilibrium of  $Q$  from its initial position.

3. A mass of 20 lbs. is moved along a rough horizontal table by means of a string which is attached to a mass of 4 lbs. hanging over the edge of the table; if the masses take twice the time to acquire the same velocity from rest that they do when the table is smooth, find the coefficient of friction.

4. A body, of mass 10 lbs., is placed on a rough plane, whose coefficient of friction is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  and whose inclination to the horizon is  $30^\circ$ ; if the length of the plane be 4 feet and the body be acted on by a force, parallel to the plane, equal to 15 lbs. weight, find the time that elapses before it reaches the top of the plane and its velocity there.

5. If in the previous question the body be connected with a mass of 15 lbs., hanging freely, by means of a string passing over the top of the plane, find the time and velocity.



6. A rough plane is 100 feet long and is inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5}$ , the coefficient of friction being  $\frac{1}{2}$ , and a body slides down it from rest at the highest point; find its velocity on reaching the bottom.

If the body were projected up the plane from the bottom so as just to reach the top, find its initial velocity.

7. A particle slides down a rough inclined plane, whose inclination to the horizon is  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  and whose coefficient of friction is  $\frac{3}{4}$ ; shew that the time of descending any space is twice what it would be if the plane were perfectly smooth.

8. Two rough planes, inclined at  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  to the horizon and of the same height, are placed back to back; masses of 5 and 10 lbs. are placed on the faces and connected by a string passing over the top of the planes; if the coefficient of friction be  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ , find the resulting acceleration.

9. If in the previous question the masses be interchanged, what is the resulting acceleration?

10. A train is moving on a horizontal rail at the rate of 15 miles per hour; if the steam be suddenly turned off, find how far it will go before stopping, the resistance being 8 lbs. per ton.

11. If a train of 200 tons, moving at the rate of 30 miles per hour, can be stopped in 60 yards, compare the friction with the weight of a ton.

12. A train is running on horizontal rails at the rate of 30 miles per hour, the resistance due to friction, etc. being 10 lbs. wt. per ton; if the steam be shut off, find (1) the time that elapses before the train comes to rest, (2) the distance described in this time.

13. In the previous question if the train be ascending an incline of 1 in 112, find the corresponding time and distance.

14. A train of mass 200 tons is running at the rate of 40 miles per hour down an incline of 1 in 120; find the resistance necessary to stop it in half a mile.

15. A train runs from rest for 1 mile down a plane whose descent is 1 foot vertically for each 100 feet of its length; if the resistances be equal to 8 lbs. per ton, how far will the train be carried along the horizontal level at the foot of the incline?

16. A train of mass 140 tons, travelling at the rate of 15 miles per hour, comes to the top of an incline of 1 in 128, the length of the incline being half a mile, and steam is then shut off; taking the resistance due to friction, etc. as 10 lbs. wt. per ton, find the distance it describes on a horizontal line at the foot of the incline before coming to rest.

17. In the preceding question, if on arriving at the foot of the incline a brake-van, of weight 10 tons, have all its wheels prevented from revolving, find the distance described, assuming the coefficient of friction between the wheels and the line to be  $\cdot 5$ .

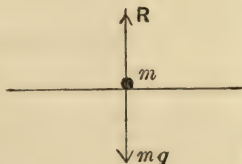
18. An engine, of mass 30 tons, pulls after it a train, of mass 130 tons; supposing the friction to be  $\frac{1}{10}$ th of the weight of the whole train, calculate the force exerted by the engine if at the end of the first mile from the start the speed be raised to 45 miles per hour.

What incline would be just sufficient to prevent the engine from moving the train?

80. *A body, of mass  $m$  lbs., is placed on a horizontal plane which is in motion with a vertical upward acceleration  $f$ ; find the pressure between the body and the plane.*

Let  $R$  be the pressure between the body and the plane.

Since the acceleration is vertically upwards, the total force acting on the body must be vertically upwards.



The only force, besides  $R$ , acting on the body is its weight  $mg$  acting vertically downwards.

Hence the total force is  $R - mg$  vertically upwards, and this produces an acceleration  $f$ ; hence

$$R - mg = mf, \text{ giving } R.$$

In a similar manner it may be shewn that, if the body be moving with a downward acceleration  $f$ , the pressure  $R_1$  is given by

$$mg - R_1 = mf.$$

We note that the pressure is greater or less than the weight of the body, according as the acceleration of the body is upwards or downwards.

**Ex. 1.** *The body is of mass 20 lbs. and is moving with (1) an upward acceleration of 12 ft.-sec. units, (2) a downward acceleration of the same magnitude; find the pressures.*

In the first case we have

$$R - 20 \cdot g = 20 \cdot 12.$$

$$\therefore R = 20 (32 + 12) \text{ poundals} = \text{wt. of } 27\frac{1}{2} \text{ lbs.}$$

In the second case we have

$$20 \cdot g - R_1 = 20 \cdot 12.$$

$$\therefore R = 20 (32 - 12) \text{ poundals} = \text{wt. of } 12\frac{1}{2} \text{ lbs.}$$

**Ex. 2.** *Two scale-pans, each of mass  $M$ , are connected by a light string passing over a small pulley, and in them are placed masses  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ ; shew that the pressures on the pans during the motion are*

$$\frac{2M_1(M+M_2)}{M_1+M_2+2M} \cdot g \text{ and } \frac{2M_2(M+M_1)}{M_1+M_2+2M} \cdot g$$

*respectively.*

Let  $f$  be the common acceleration of the system, and suppose  $M_1 > M_2$ .

Then, as in Art. 74, we have

$$f = \frac{M_1 - M_2}{2M + M_1 + M_2} g.$$

Let  $P$  be the pressure between  $M_1$  and the scale-pan on which it rests; then the force on the mass  $M_1$ , considered as a separate body, is  $M_1g - P$ . Also its acceleration is  $f$ .

Hence

$$M_1g - P = M_1f,$$

$$\therefore P = M_1(g - f)$$

$$= \frac{2M_1(M+M_2)}{2M+M_1+M_2} g.$$

**81.** *Three inches of rain fall in a certain district in 12 hours. Assuming that the drops fall freely from a height of a quarter of a mile, find the pressure on the ground per square mile of the district due to the rain during the storm, the mass of a cubic foot of water being 1000 ounces.*

The amount of rain that falls on a square foot during the storm is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cubic foot, and its mass is 250 ounces.

Hence the mass that falls per second is

$$\frac{250}{16} \times \frac{1}{12 \cdot 60 \cdot 60} = \frac{5}{144 \times 96} \text{ lbs.}$$

The velocity of each raindrop on touching the ground is  $\sqrt{2 \times g \times 440 \times 3}$ , or  $16 \sqrt{330}$  ft. per second.

Therefore the momentum that is destroyed per second is

$$\frac{5}{144 \times 96} \times 16 \sqrt{330}, \text{ or } \frac{5 \sqrt{330}}{864} \text{ units of momentum.}$$

But the number of units of momentum destroyed per second is equal to the number of poundals in the acting force (Art. 61).

Hence the pressure on the ground per square foot

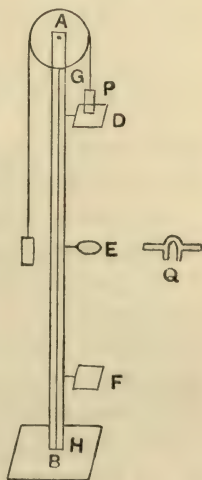
$$= \frac{5 \sqrt{330}}{864} \text{ poundals.}$$

Hence the pressure per square mile

$$= \text{weight of } 9 \times 4840 \times 640 \times \frac{5 \sqrt{330}}{32 \times 864} \text{ lbs.}$$

$$= \text{weight of 41 tons approximately.}$$

**82. Atwood's Machine.** This machine in its simplest form consists of a vertical pillar  $AB$ , of about 8 feet in height, firmly clamped to the ground, and carrying at its top a light pulley which will move very freely. This pillar is graduated and carries two platforms,  $D$  and  $F$ , and a ring  $E$ , all of which can be affixed by screws at any height desired. The platform  $D$  can also be instantaneously dropped. Over the pulley passes a fine cord supporting at its ends two long thin equal weights, one of which,  $P$ , can freely pass through the ring  $E$ . Another small weight  $Q$  is provided, which can be laid upon the weight  $P$ , but which cannot pass through the ring  $E$ .



The weight  $Q$  is laid upon  $P$  and the platform  $D$  is dropped and motion ensues; the weight  $Q$  is left behind as the weight  $P$  passes through the ring; the weight  $P$  then traverses the distance  $EF$  with constant velocity, and the time  $T$  which it takes to describe this distance is carefully measured.

By Art. 74 the acceleration of the system as the weight falls from  $D$  to  $E$  is

$$\frac{(Q + P) - P}{(Q + P) + P} g, \text{ i.e. } \frac{Q}{Q + 2P} g.$$

Denote this by  $f$ , and let  $DE = h$ .

Then the velocity  $v$  on arriving at  $E$  is given by

$$v^2 = 2fh.$$

After passing  $E$ , the distance  $EF$  is described with constant velocity  $v$ .

Hence, if  $EF = h_1$ , we have

$$T = \frac{h_1}{v} = \frac{h_1}{\sqrt{2fh}}.$$

$$\therefore h_1^2 = \frac{2Q}{Q + 2P} ghT^2.$$

Since all the quantities involved are known, this relation gives us the value of  $g$ .

By giving different values to  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $h$  and  $h_1$ , we can in this manner verify all the fundamental laws of motion.

In practice, the value of  $g$  cannot by this method be found to any great degree of accuracy; the chief causes of discrepancy being the mass of the pulley, which cannot be neglected, the friction of the pivot on which the wheel turns, and the resistance of the air.

The friction of the pivot may be minimised if its ends do not rest on fixed supports, but on the circumferences of



four light wheels, called friction wheels, two on each side, which turn very freely.

There are other pieces of apparatus for securing the accuracy of the experiment as far as possible, e.g. for instantaneously withdrawing the platform *D* at the required moment, and a clock for beating seconds accurately.

**83.** *By using Atwood's machine to shew that the acceleration of a given mass is proportional to the force acting on it.*

We shall assume that the statement is true and see whether the results we deduce therefrom are verified by experiment.

To explain the method of procedure we shall take a numerical example.

Let *P* be  $49\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. and *Q* 1 oz. so that the mass moved is 100 ozs. and the moving force is the weight of 1 oz.

The acceleration of the system therefore  $= \frac{1}{100}g$  (Art. 74).

Let the distance *DE* be one foot so that the velocity when *Q* is taken off  $= \sqrt{2 \cdot \frac{g}{100} \cdot 1} = \frac{2}{10}$  ft. per sec., if, for simplicity, we take *g* equal to 32.

Let the platform *F* be carefully placed at such a point that the mass will move from *E* to *F* in some definite time, say 2 secs.

Then  $EF = \frac{2}{10} \cdot 2 = \frac{2}{5}$  feet.

Now alter the conditions. Make *P* equal to 48 and *Q* equal to 4 ozs. The mass moved is still 100 ozs. and the moving force is now the weight of 4 ozs.

The acceleration is now  $\frac{4g}{100}$  and the velocity at

$$E = \sqrt{2 \cdot \frac{4g}{100} \cdot 1} = \frac{2}{5} \text{ feet per second.}$$

In 2 seconds the mass would now describe  $\frac{1}{5}$  feet, so that, if our hypothesis be correct, the platform *F* must be twice as far from *E* as before. *This is found on trial to be correct.*

Similarly if we make  $P = 45\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. and  $Q = 9$  ozs., so that the mass moved is still 100 ozs., the theory would give us that *EF* should be  $\frac{2}{3}$  feet, and this would be found to be correct.

The experiment should now be tried over again *ab initio* and *P* and *Q* be given different values from the above; alterations should then be made in their values so that  $2P + Q$  is constant.

*By the same method to shew that the force varies as the mass when the acceleration is constant.*

As before let  $P=49\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. and  $Q=1$  oz. so that, as in the last experiment, we have  $EF=\frac{1}{2}$  feet.

Secondly, let  $P=99$  ozs. and  $Q=2$  ozs., so that the moving force is doubled and the mass moved is doubled. Hence, if our enunciation be correct, the acceleration should be the same, since

$$\frac{\text{second moving force}}{\text{second mass moved}} = \frac{\text{first moving force}}{\text{first mass moved}}.$$

The distance  $EF$  moved through in 2 seconds should therefore be the same as before, and this, on trial, is found to be the case.

Similarly if we make  $P=148\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. and  $Q=3$  ozs. the same result would be found to follow.

## EXAMPLES. XII.

1. If I jump off a table with a twenty-pound weight in my hand, what is the pressure of the weight on my hand?

2. A mass of 20 lbs. rests on a horizontal plane which is made to ascend (1) with a constant velocity of 1 foot per second, (2) with a constant acceleration of 1 foot per second per second; find in each case the pressure on the plane.

3. A man, whose mass is 8 stone, stands on a lift which moves with a uniform acceleration of 12 ft.-sec. units; find the pressure on the floor when the lift is (1) ascending, (2) descending.

4. A bucket containing 1 cwt. of coal is drawn up the shaft of a coal-pit, and the pressure of the coal on the bottom of the bucket is equal to the weight of 126 lbs. Find the acceleration of the bucket.

5. A balloon ascends with a uniformly accelerated velocity, so that a mass of 1 cwt. produces on the floor of the balloon the same pressure which 116 lbs. would produce on the earth's surface; find the height which the balloon will have attained in one minute from the time of starting.

6. Two scale-pans, each of mass 2 ounces, are suspended by a weightless string passing over a smooth pulley; a mass of 10 ounces is placed in the one, and 4 ounces in the other. Find the tension of the string and the pressures on the scale-pans.

7. A string, passing over a smooth pulley, supports two scale-pans at its ends, the mass of each scale-pan being 1 ounce. If masses of 2 and 4 ounces respectively be placed in the scale-pans, find the acceleration of the system, the tension of the string, and the pressures between the masses and the scale-pans.

8. On a certain day half an inch of rain fell in 3 hours; assuming that the drops are indefinitely small and that the terminal velocity was 10 feet per second, find the impulsive pressure in tons per square mile consequent on their being reduced to rest, assuming that the mass of a cubic foot of water is 1000 ounces and that the rain was uniform and continuous.

9. Find the pressure in poundals per acre due to the impact of a fall of rain of 3 inches in 24 hours, supposing the rain to have a velocity due to falling freely through 400 feet.

10. A jet of water is projected against a wall so that 300 gallons strike the wall per second with a horizontal velocity of 80 feet per second. Assuming that a gallon contains  $277\frac{1}{4}$  cubic inches and that the mass of a cubic foot of water is 1000 ounces, find the pressure on the wall in pounds' weight.

11. The two masses in an Atwood's machine are each 240 grammes, and an additional mass of 10 grammes being placed on one of them it is observed to descend through 10 metres in 10 seconds; hence shew that  $g=980$ .

12. Explain how to use Atwood's machine to shew that a body acted on by a constant force moves with constant acceleration.

13. Sixteen balls of equal mass are strung like beads on a string; some are placed on a smooth inclined plane of inclination  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$ , and the rest hang over the top of the plane; how have the balls been arranged if the acceleration at first be  $\frac{g}{2}$ ?

14. Two bodies, of masses  $P$  and  $Q$ , are connected by a stretched string;  $P$  hangs vertically and  $Q$  is placed on a smooth plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizon, the string passing over the top of the plane; if  $P$  descend from rest through a given distance in 4 times the time in which it would fall freely from rest through the same distance, find the ratio of  $P$  to  $Q$ .

15.  $P$  hangs vertically and is 9 lbs.;  $Q$  is a mass of 6 lbs. on a smooth plane whose inclination to the horizon is  $30^\circ$ ; shew that  $P$  will drag  $Q$  up the whole length of the plane in half the time that  $Q$  hanging vertically would take to draw  $P$  up the plane.

16. If the height of an inclined plane be 12 feet and the base 16 feet, find how far a particle will move on a horizontal plane after sliding from rest down the length of the inclined plane, supposing it to pass from one plane to the other without loss of velocity, and that the coefficient of friction for each plane is  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

17. Shew that a train going at the rate of 30 miles per hour will be brought to rest in about 84 yards by continuous brakes, if they press on the wheels with a force equal to three-quarters of the weight of the train, the coefficient of friction being  $\cdot 16$ .

18. A train of mass 50 tons is moving on a level at the rate of 30 miles per hour when the steam is shut off, and the brake being applied to the brake-van the train is stopped in a quarter of a mile. Find the mass of the brake-van, taking the coefficient of friction between the wheels and rails to be one-sixth, and supposing the unlocked wheels to roll without sliding.

19. A mass  $m$  is drawn up a smooth inclined plane, of height  $h$  and length  $l$ , by means of a string passing over the vertex of the plane, from the other end of which hangs a mass  $m'$ . Shew that, in order that  $m$  may just reach the top of the plane,  $m'$  must be detached after  $m$  has moved through a distance

$$\frac{m+m'}{m'} \frac{hl}{h+l}.$$

20. Two masses are connected by a string passing over a small pulley; shew that, if the sum of the masses be constant, the tension of the string is greater, the less the acceleration.

21. A mass  $m_1$  hanging at the end of a string, draws a mass  $m_2$  along the surface of a smooth table; if the mass on the table be doubled the tension of the string is increased by one-half; find the ratio of  $m_1$  to  $m_2$ .

22. Two bodies, of masses 9 and 16 lbs. respectively, are placed on a smooth horizontal table at a distance of 10 feet; if they were now to attract each other with a constant force equal to 1 lb. wt. at all distances, find after what time they would meet.

23. In the case of a single movable pulley the free end of the string passes round a fixed pulley and supports a weight  $P$  greater than  $\frac{1}{2}W$ , where  $W$  is the weight suspended from the movable pulley. Find the tension of the string during the ensuing motion, the three parts into which it is divided by the pulleys being parallel.

24. A mass  $m$  will just support a mass  $M$  in a system of two pulleys in which each string is attached to  $M$ , the strings being parallel. A mass  $m$  is now attached to  $M$ ; find the subsequent motion, neglecting the weights of the pulleys.

25. A system of three movable pulleys, in which all the strings are vertical and attached to the beam, is employed to raise a body, of mass 1 cwt., by means of one of mass 15 lbs. attached to a string passing over a smooth fixed pulley. Shew that the body will rise with acceleration  $\frac{g}{134}$ , the masses of the pulleys being neglected.

26. A string, with masses  $m$  and  $m'$  at its ends, passes over 3 fixed and under 2 movable pulleys, each of mass  $M$ , hanging down between the fixed pulleys, the parts of the string between the pulleys being vertical. Find the condition that the movable pulleys should neither rise nor fall, and in this case determine the acceleration of  $m$  and  $m'$ .



27. A rope hangs down over a smooth pulley, and a man of 12 stone lets himself down the portion of rope on one side of the pulley with unit acceleration. Find with what uniform acceleration a man of  $11\frac{1}{2}$  stone must pull himself up by the other portion of the rope so that the rope may remain at rest.

28. A man, of mass 12 stone, and a sack, of mass 10 stone, are suspended over a smooth pulley by a rope of negligible weight. If the man pull himself up the rope so as to diminish what would be his acceleration by one-half, find the upward acceleration of the sack in this case, and shew that the acceleration upwards of the man relative to the rope is  $\frac{g}{10}$ .

29. A train, whose mass is 112 tons, is travelling at the uniform rate of 25 miles per hour on a level track, and the resistance due to air, friction, etc. is 16 lbs. per ton. Part of the train, of mass 12 tons, becomes detached. Assuming that the force exerted by the engine is the same throughout, find how much the train will have gained on the detached part after 50 seconds and the velocity of the train when the detached part comes to rest.

30. Two particles, of masses  $m$  and  $2m$ , lie together on a smooth horizontal table. A string which joins them hangs over the edge and supports a pulley carrying a mass  $3m$ ; prove that the acceleration of the latter mass is  $\frac{9g}{17}$ .

31. A smooth wedge, of mass  $M$ , is placed on a horizontal plane, and a particle, of mass  $m$ , slides down its slant face, which is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon; prove that the acceleration of the wedge

is 
$$\frac{mg \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{M + m \sin^2 \alpha}.$$

[Let  $f_1$  be the acceleration of the particle in a direction perpendicular to, and towards, the slant face;  $f_2$  the horizontal acceleration of the wedge; and  $R$  the normal reaction between the particle and the slant face, so that  $R$  acts in one direction on the particle and in the opposite direction on the wedge. Then

$$mf_1 = mg \cos \alpha - R \dots\dots\dots(1),$$

and 
$$Mf_2 = R \sin \alpha \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

Also, since the particle remains in contact with the slant face, the acceleration  $f_1$  must be the same as the acceleration of the wedge resolved in a direction perpendicular to the slant face.

$$\therefore f_1 = f_2 \sin \alpha \dots\dots\dots(3).$$

Solving (1), (2), (3), we have  $f_2$ .]



## CHAPTER VI.

### IMPULSE, WORK, AND ENERGY.

**34. Impulse. Def.** *The impulse of a force in a given time is equal to the product of the force (if constant, and the mean value of the force if variable) and the time during which it acts.*

The impulse of a force  $P$  acting for a time  $t$  is therefore  $P \cdot t$ .

The impulse of a force is also equal to the momentum generated by the force in the given time. For suppose a particle, of mass  $m$ , moving initially with velocity  $u$  is acted on by a constant force  $P$  for time  $t$ . If  $f$  be the resulting acceleration, we have  $P = mf$ .

But, if  $v$  be the velocity of the particle at the end of time  $t$ , we have  $v = u + ft$ .

Hence the impulse  $= Pt = mft = mv - mu$

$=$  the momentum generated in the given time.

The same result is also true if the force be variable.

Hence it follows that the second law of motion might have been enunciated in the following form ;

**The change of momentum of a particle in a given time is equal to the impulse of the force which produces it and is in the same direction.**

**85. Impulsive Forces.** Suppose we have a force  $P$  acting for a time  $\tau$  on a body whose mass is  $m$ , and let the velocities of the mass at the beginning and end of this time be  $u$  and  $v$ . Then by the last article

$$P\tau = m(v - u).$$

Let now the force become bigger and bigger, and the time  $\tau$  smaller and smaller. Then ultimately  $P$  will be almost infinitely big and  $\tau$  almost infinitely small, and yet their product *may* be finite. For example  $P$  may be equal to  $10^7$  poundals,  $\tau$  equal to  $\frac{1}{10^7}$  seconds, and  $m$  equal to one pound, in which case the change of velocity produced is the unit of velocity.

To find the whole effect of a finite force acting for a finite time we have to find two things, (1) the change in the velocity of the particle produced by the force during the time it acts, and (2) the change in the position of the particle during this time. Now in the case of an infinitely large force acting for an infinitely short time, the body moves only a very short distance whilst the force is acting, so that this change of position of the particle may be neglected. Hence the total effect of such a force is known when we know the change of momentum which it produces.

Such a force is called an impulsive force. Hence

**Def.** *An impulsive force is a very great force acting for a very short time, so that the change in the position of the particle during the time the force acts on it may be neglected. Its whole effect is measured by its impulse, or the change of momentum produced.*

In actual practice we never have any experience of an infinitely great force acting for an infinitely short time. Approximate examples are, however, the blow of a hammer, and the collision of two billiard balls.

The above will be true even if the force be not uniform. In the ordinary case of the collision of two billiard balls the force generally varies very considerably.

**Ex. 1.** A body, whose mass is 9 lbs., is acted on by a force which changes its velocity from 20 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour. Find the impulse of the force.

*Ans.* 132 units of impulse.

**Ex. 2.** A mass of 2 lbs. at rest is struck and starts off with a velocity of 10 feet per second; assuming the time during which the blow lasts to be  $\frac{1}{100}$ ", find the average value of the force acting on the mass.

*Ans.* 2000 poundals.

**Ex. 3.** A glass marble, whose mass is 1 ounce, falls from a height of 25 feet, and rebounds to a height of 16 feet; find the impulse, and the average force between the marble and the floor if the time during which they are in contact be  $\frac{1}{10}$ ".

*Ans.*  $4\frac{1}{2}$  units of impulse; 47 poundals.

**86. Impact of two bodies.** When two masses *A* and *B* impinge, then, by the third law of motion, the action of *A* on *B* is, at each instant during which they are in contact, equal and opposite to that of *B* on *A*.

Hence the impulse of the action of *A* on *B* is equal and opposite to the impulse of the action of *B* on *A*.

It follows that the change in the momentum of *B* is equal and opposite to the change in the momentum of *A*, and therefore the sum of these changes, measured in the same direction, is zero.

Hence the sum of the momenta of the two masses, measured in the same direction, is unaltered by their impact.

**Ex. 1.** *A body, of mass 3 lbs., moving with velocity 13 feet per second overtakes a body, of mass 2 lbs., moving with velocity 3 feet per second in the same straight line, and they coalesce and form one body; find the velocity of this single body.*

Let  $V$  be the required velocity. Then, since the sum of the momenta of the two bodies is unaltered by the impact, we have

$$(3+2)V = 3 \times 13 + 2 \times 3 = 45 \text{ units of momentum,}$$

$$\therefore V = 9 \text{ ft. per sec.}$$

**Ex. 2.** *If in the last example the second body be moving in the direction opposite to that of the first, find the resulting velocity.*

In this case the momentum of the first body is represented by  $3 \times 13$  and that of the second by  $-2 \times 3$ . Hence, if  $V_1$  be the required velocity, we have

$$(3+2)V_1 = 3 \times 13 - 2 \times 3 = 33 \text{ units of momentum.}$$

$$\therefore V_1 = \frac{33}{5} = 6\frac{3}{5} \text{ ft. per sec.}$$

**87. Motion of a shot and gun.** When a gun is fired, the powder is almost instantaneously converted into a gas at a very high pressure, which by its expansion forces the shot out. The action of the gas is similar to that of a compressed spring trying to recover its natural position. The force exerted on the shot forwards is, at any instant before the shot leaves the gun, equal and opposite to that exerted on the gun backwards, and therefore the impulse of this force on the shot is equal and opposite to the impulse of the force on the gun. Hence the momentum generated in the shot is equal and opposite to that generated in the gun, if the latter be free to move.

**Ex.** *A shot, whose mass is 400 lbs., is projected from a gun, of mass 50 tons, with a velocity of 900 feet per second; find the resulting velocity of the gun.*

Since the momentum of the gun is equal and opposite to that of the shot we have, if  $v$  be the velocity communicated to the gun,

$$50 \times 2240 \times v = 400 \times 900.$$

$$\therefore v = 3\frac{3}{14} \text{ ft. per sec.}$$

## EXAMPLES. XIII.

1. A body of mass 7 lbs., moving with a velocity of 10 feet per second, overtakes a body, of mass 20 lbs., moving with a velocity of 2 feet per second in the same direction as the first; if after the impact they move forward with a common velocity, find its magnitude.

2. A body, of mass 8 lbs., moving with a velocity of 6 feet per second overtakes a body, of mass 24 lbs., moving with a velocity of 2 feet per second in the same direction as the first; if after the impact they coalesce into one body, shew that the velocity of the compound body is 3 feet per second.

If they were moving in opposite directions, shew that after impact the compound body is at rest.

3. A body, of mass 10 lbs., moving with velocity 4 feet per second meets a body of mass 12 lbs. moving in the opposite direction with a velocity of 7 feet per second; if they coalesce into one body, shew that it will have a velocity of 2 feet per second in the direction in which the larger body was originally moving.

4. A shot, of mass 1 ounce, is projected with a velocity of 1000 feet per second from a gun of mass 10 lbs.; find the velocity with which the latter begins to recoil.

5. A shot of 800 lbs. is projected from a 40-ton gun with a velocity of 2000 feet per second; find the velocity with which the gun would commence to recoil, if free to move in the line of projection.

6. A shot, of mass 700 lbs., is fired with a velocity of 1700 feet per second from a gun of mass 38 tons; if the recoil be resisted by a constant pressure equal to the weight of 17 tons, through how many feet will the gun recoil?

7. A shot, whose mass is 800 lbs., is discharged from an 81-ton gun with a velocity of 1400 feet per second; find the steady pressure which acting on the gun would stop it after a recoil of 5 feet.

8. A gun, of mass 1 ton, fires a shot of mass 28 lbs. and recoils up a smooth inclined plane, rising to a height of 5 feet; find the initial velocity of the projectile.

**88. Work.** We have pointed out in Statics, Chapter XIII., that a force is said to do work when it moves its point of application in the direction of the force. The work is measured by the product of the force and the distance through which the point of application is moved in the direction of the force. The unit of work used by engineers is a Foot-Pound, which is the work done in raising the weight of one pound through one foot.



The British absolute unit of work is the work done by a poundal in moving its point of application through one foot.

This unit of work is called a **Foot-Poundal**.

With this unit of work the work done by a force of  $P$  poundals in moving its point of application through  $s$  feet is  $P \cdot s$  foot-poundals.

Since the weight of a pound is equal to  $g$ -poundals, it follows that a Foot-Pound is equal to  $g$  Foot-Poundals.

The c.g.s. unit of work is that done by a dyne in moving its point of application through a centimetre, and is called an **Erg**.

One Foot-Poundal = 421390 Ergs nearly.

**89. Ex. 1.** *What is the H.P. of an engine which keeps a train, of mass 150 tons, moving at a uniform rate of 60 miles per hour, the resistances to the motion due to friction, the resistance of the air, etc. being taken at 10 lbs. weight per ton.*

The force to stop the train is equal to the weight of  $150 \times 10$ , i.e. 1500, lbs. weight.

Now 60 miles per hour is equal to 88 feet per second.

Hence a force, equal to 1500 lbs. wt., has its point of application moved through 88 feet in a second, and hence the work done is  $1500 \times 88$  foot-pounds per second.

If  $x$  be the H.P. of the engine, the work it does per minute is  $x \times 33000$  foot-lbs., and hence the work per second is  $x \times 550$  foot-lbs.

$$\therefore x \times 550 = 1500 \times 88.$$

$$\therefore x = 240.$$

**Ex. 2.** *Find the least H.P. of an engine which is able in 4 minutes to generate in a train, of mass 100 tons, a velocity of 30 miles per hour on a level line, the resistances due to friction, etc. being equal to 8 lbs. weight per ton, and the pull of the engine being assumed constant.*

Since in 240 seconds a velocity of 44 feet per second is generated the acceleration of the train must be  $\frac{44}{240}$  or  $\frac{11}{60}$  foot-second units.

Let the force exerted by the engine be  $P$  poundals.

The resistance due to friction is equal to 800 pounds' weight; hence the total force on the train is  $P - 800g$  poundals.

Hence  $P - 800g = 100 \times 2240 \times \frac{11}{60}.$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore P &= 800 \left( g + \frac{154}{3} \right) \text{ poundals} = 800 \left( 1 + \frac{154}{3 \times 32} \right) \text{ lbs. weight} \\ &= 800 \times \frac{125}{48} \text{ lbs. weight.}\end{aligned}$$

When the train is moving at the rate of 30 miles per hour, the work done per second must be  $800 \times \frac{125}{48} \times 44$  foot-lbs.

Hence, if  $x$  be the H.P. of the engine, we have

$$\begin{aligned}x \times 550 &= 800 \times \frac{125}{48} \times 44. \\ \therefore x &= 166\frac{2}{3}.\end{aligned}$$

**Ex. 3.** *A train, of mass 100 tons, is ascending uniformly an incline of 1 in 280, and the resistance due to friction, etc. is equal to 16 lbs. per ton; if the engine be of 200 H.P. and be working at full power, find the rate at which the train is going.*

The resistance due to friction, etc. is equal to the weight of 1600 lbs., and the resolved part of the weight of the train down the incline is equal to the weight of  $2\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{2}$  of 100 tons, or to the weight of 800 lbs., so that the total force to impede the motion is equal to the weight of 2400 lbs.

Let  $v$  be the velocity of the train in feet per second. Then the work done by the engine is that done in dragging a force equal to the weight of 2400 lbs. through  $v$  feet per second, and is equivalent to  $2400v$  foot-pounds per second.

But the total work which the engine can do is  $\frac{200 \times 33000}{60}$  or 110,000 foot-pounds per second.

Hence  $2400v = 110000,$

or  $v = \frac{1100}{24},$

and hence the velocity of the train is  $31\frac{1}{4}$  miles per hour.

#### EXAMPLES. XIV.

1. A train, of mass 50 tons, is kept moving at the uniform rate of 30 miles per hour on the level, the resistance of air, friction, etc., being 40 lbs. weight per ton. Find the H.P. of the engine.

2. What is the horse-power of an engine which keeps a train going at the rate of 40 miles per hour against a resistance equal to 2000 lbs. weight?

3. A train, of mass 100 tons, travels at 40 miles per hour up an incline of 1 in 200. Find the H.P. of the engine that will draw the train, neglecting all resistances except that of gravity.

4. A train of mass 200 tons, including the engine, is drawn up an incline of 3 in 500 at the rate of 40 miles per hour by an engine of 600 H.P.; find the resistance per ton due to friction, etc.

5. Find the H.P. of an engine which can travel at the rate of 25 miles per hour up an incline of 1 in 100, the mass of the engine and load being 10 tons, and the resistances due to friction, etc. being 10 lbs. weight per ton.

6. Determine the rate in H.P. at which an engine must be able to work in order to generate a velocity of 20 miles per hour on the level in a train of mass 60 tons in 3 minutes after starting, the resistances to the motion being taken at 10 lbs. per ton.

7. A weight of 10 tons is dragged in half-an-hour through a length of 330 feet up a rough plane inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizon; the coefficient of friction being  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ , find the work expended, and the H.P. of an engine by which it will be done.

8. Find the work done by gravity on a stone having a mass of  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. during the tenth second of its fall from rest.

**\*90. Energy. Def.** *The Energy of a body is its capacity for doing work and is of two kinds, Kinetic and Potential.*

*The **Kinetic Energy** of a body is the energy which it possesses by virtue of its motion, and is measured by the amount of work that the body can perform against the impressed forces before its velocity is destroyed.*

A falling body, a swinging pendulum, and a cannon-ball in motion all possess kinetic energy.

Consider the case of a particle, of mass  $m$ , moving with velocity  $u$ , and let us find the work done by it before it comes to rest.

Suppose it brought to rest by a constant force  $P$  resisting its motion, which produces in it an acceleration  $-f$  given by  $P = mf$ .

Let  $x$  be the space described by the particle before it comes to rest so that  $0 = u^2 + 2(-f) \cdot x$ ,

$$\therefore fx = \frac{1}{2}u^2.$$

Hence the kinetic energy of the particle

= work done by it before it comes to rest

$$= Px = mfx = \frac{1}{2}mu^2.$$

*Hence the kinetic energy of a particle is equal to the product of its mass and one half the square of its velocity.*

**\*91. Theorem.** *To shew that the change of kinetic energy per unit of space is equal to the acting force.*

If a force  $P$ , acting on a particle of mass  $m$ , change its velocity from  $u$  to  $v$  in time  $t$  whilst the particle moves through a space  $s$ , we have  $v^2 - u^2 = 2fs$ , where  $f$  is the acceleration produced.

$$\therefore \frac{\frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{1}{2}mu^2}{s} = mf = P \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

This equation proves the proposition when the force is constant.

When the force is variable, the same proof will hold if we take  $t$  so small that the force  $P$  does not sensibly alter during that interval.

**Cor.** It follows from equation (1) that the change in the kinetic energy of a particle is equal to the work done on it.

**\*92. The Potential Energy** of a body is the work it can do by means of its position in passing from its present configuration to some standard configuration (usually called its zero position).

A bent spring has potential energy, viz. the work it can do in recovering its natural shape. A body raised to a height above the ground has potential energy, viz. the

work its weight can do as it falls to the earth's surface. Compressed air has potential energy, viz. the work it can do in expanding to the volume it would occupy in the atmosphere.

The following example is important :

**\*93.** *A particle of mass  $m$  falls from rest at a height  $h$  above the ground ; to shew that the sum of its potential and kinetic energies is constant throughout the motion.*

Let  $H$  be the point from which the particle starts, and  $O$  the point where it reaches the ground.

Let  $v$  be its velocity when it has fallen through a distance  $HP$  ( $=x$ ), so that  $v^2 = 2gx$ .

Its kinetic energy at  $P = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = mgx$ .

Also its potential energy at  $P$

= the work its weight can do as it falls from  $P$  to  $O$

$= mg \cdot OP = mg(h - x)$ .

Hence the sum of its kinetic and potential energies at  $P$   
 $= mgh$ .

But its potential energy when at  $H$  is  $mgh$ , and its kinetic energy there is zero.

Hence the sum of the potential and kinetic energies is the same at  $P$  as at  $H$  ; and, since  $P$  is *any* point, it follows that the sum of these two quantities is the same throughout the motion.

**\*94.** The above is an extremely simple example of the principle of the **Conservation of Energy**, which may be stated as follows :

*If a body or system of bodies be in motion under a conservative system of forces, the sum of its kinetic and potential energies is constant.*



*Forces, of the kind which occur in the material universe, are said to be conservative when they depend on the position or configuration **only** of the system of bodies, and not on the velocity or direction of motion of the bodies.*

Thus from a conservative system are excluded forces of the nature of friction, or forces such as the resistance of the air which varies as some power of the velocity of the body. Friction is excluded because, if the direction of motion of the body be reversed, the direction of the friction is reversed also.

Referring to the case of a particle sliding down a rough plane of length  $l$  (Art. 77), we see that the kinetic energy of the particle on reaching the ground is

$$\frac{1}{2}m [2gl (\sin \alpha - \mu \cos \alpha)], \text{ i.e. } mgl \sin \alpha - mgl\mu \cos \alpha.$$

Also the potential energy there is zero, so that the sum of the kinetic and potential energies at the foot of the plane is

$$mgl \sin \alpha - \mu mgl \cos \alpha.$$

But the potential energy of the particle when at the top of the plane is  $mg \cdot l \sin \alpha$ , so that the total loss of visible mechanical energy of the particle in sliding from the top to the bottom of the inclined plane is  $\mu mgl \cos \alpha$ . This energy has been transformed and appears chiefly in the form of heat, partly in the moving body, and partly in the plane.

**95. Ex.** *A bullet, of mass 4 ozs., is fired into a target with a velocity of 1200 feet per second. The mass of the target is 20 lbs. and it is free to move; find the loss of kinetic energy in foot-pounds.*

Let  $V$  be the resulting common velocity of the shot and target. Since no momentum is lost (Art. 87) we have

$$\left(20 + \frac{4}{16}\right) V = \frac{4}{16} \times 1200.$$

$$\therefore V = \frac{400}{27}.$$

The original kinetic energy  $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{16} \cdot 1200^2 = 180000$  foot-pounds.

The final kinetic energy  $= \frac{1}{2} \left( 20 + \frac{4}{16} \right) V^2$   
 $= \frac{20000}{9}$  foot-pounds.

The energy lost  $= 180000 - \frac{20000}{9} = \frac{1600000}{9}$  foot-pounds  
 $= \frac{50000}{9}$  ft.-lbs.

It will be noted that, in this case, although no momentum is lost by the impact, yet  $\frac{80}{81}$  ths. of the energy is destroyed.

### EXAMPLES. XV.

1. A body, of mass 10 lbs., is thrown up vertically with a velocity of 32 feet per second ; what is its kinetic energy (1) at the moment of propulsion, (2) after half a second, (3) after one second ?

2. Find the kinetic energy measured in foot-pounds of a cannon-ball of mass 25 pounds discharged with a velocity of 200 feet per second.

3. Find the kinetic energy in ergs of a cannon-ball of 10000 grammes discharged with a velocity of 5000 centimetres per second.

4. A cannon-ball, of mass 5000 grammes, is discharged with a velocity of 500 metres per second. Find its kinetic energy in ergs, and, if the cannon be free to move, and have a mass of 100 kilogrammes, find the energy of the recoil.

5. A bullet, of mass 2 ounces, is fired into a target with a velocity of 1280 feet per second. The mass of the target is 10 lbs. and it is free to move; find the loss of kinetic energy by the impact in foot-pounds.

### Motion of the centre of inertia of a system of particles.

**\*96. Theorem.** *If the velocities at any instant of any number of masses  $m_1, m_2, \dots$  parallel to any line fixed in space be  $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots$ , then the velocity parallel to that line of the centre of inertia of these masses at that instant is*

$$\frac{m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots}.$$

At the instant under consideration let  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots$  be the distances of the given masses measured along this fixed line from a fixed point in it, and let  $\bar{x}$  be the distance of their centre of inertia.

Then (Statics, Art. 111), we have

$$\bar{x} = \frac{m_1 x_1 + m_2 x_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots}.$$

Let  $x_1', x_2' \dots$  be the corresponding distances of these masses at the end of a small time  $t$ , and  $\bar{x}'$  the corresponding distance of their centre of inertia. Then we have

$$x_1' = x_1 + u_1 t,$$

$$x_2' = x_2 + u_2 t,$$

$$x_3' = x_3 + u_3 t,$$

$$\dots\dots\dots$$

$$\text{Also} \quad \bar{x}' = \frac{m_1 x_1' + m_2 x_2' + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots},$$

$$\therefore \bar{x}' - \bar{x} = \frac{m_1 (x_1' - x_1) + m_2 (x_2' - x_2) + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots}$$

$$= \frac{m_1 u_1 t + m_2 u_2 t + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots}$$

But, if  $\bar{u}$  be the velocity of the centre of inertia parallel to the fixed line, we have  $\bar{x}' = \bar{x} + \bar{u}t$ ,

$$\therefore \bar{u} = \frac{\bar{x}' - \bar{x}}{t} = \frac{m_1 u_1 + m_2 u_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots}.$$

Hence the velocity of the centre of inertia of a system of particles in any given direction is equal to the sum of the momenta of the particles in that direction, divided by the sum of the masses of the particles.

**Cor.** If a system of particles be in motion in a plane, and their velocities and directions of motion are known, we can, by resolving these velocities parallel to two fixed

lines and applying the preceding proposition, find the motion of their centre of inertia.

**\*97. Theorem.** *If the accelerations at any instant of any number of masses  $m_1, m_2, \dots$ , parallel to any line fixed in space, be  $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots$ , then the acceleration of the centre of inertia of these masses parallel to this line is*

$$\frac{m_1 f_1 + m_2 f_2 + \dots}{m_1 + m_2 + \dots}.$$

The proof of this proposition is similar to that of the last article. We have only to change  $x_1, u_1, x_1', u_1'$  into  $u_1, f_1, u_1', f_1'$ , and make similar changes for the other particles.

**Ex. 1.** *Two masses  $m_1, m_2$  are connected by a light string as in Art. 74; find the acceleration of the centre of inertia of the system.*

The acceleration of the mass  $m_1$  is  $\frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} g$  vertically downwards, and that of  $m_2$  is the same in the opposite direction.

Here then  $f_1 = -f_2 = \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} g$ , so that the acceleration of the centre of inertia =  $\frac{m_1 f_1 + m_2 f_2}{m_1 + m_2} = \left( \frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right)^2 g$ .

**Ex. 2.** *Two bodies, of masses  $m$  and  $3m$ , are connected by a light string passing over a smooth pulley; shew that during the ensuing motion the acceleration of their centre of inertia is  $\frac{g}{4}$ .*

**Ex. 3.** *Find the velocity of the centre of inertia of two masses of 6 and 4 lbs. which move in parallel lines with velocities of 3 and 8 feet respectively, (1) when they move in the same direction, (2) when they move in opposite directions.*

*Ans.* (1) 5 feet per second; (2)  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet per second in the direction in which the second body is moving.

**Ex. 4.** *Two masses,  $mn$  and  $m$ , start simultaneously from the intersection of two straight lines with velocities  $v$  and  $nv$  respectively; shew that the path of their centre of inertia is a straight line bisecting the angle between the two given straight lines.*

**Ex. 5.** *Two masses move at a uniform rate along two straight lines which meet and are inclined at a given angle; shew that their centre of inertia describes a straight line with uniform velocity.*

## EXAMPLES. XVI.

1. A shot of mass  $m$  is fired from a gun of mass  $M$  with velocity  $u$  relative to the gun; shew that the actual velocities of the shot and gun are  $\frac{Mu}{M+m}$  and  $\frac{mu}{M+m}$  respectively.

2. A gun is mounted on a gun-carriage movable on a smooth horizontal plane, and the gun is elevated at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon; a shot is fired and leaves the gun in a direction inclined at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizon; if the mass of the gun and its carriage be  $n$  times that of the shot, shew that  $\tan \theta = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \tan \alpha$ .

3. A mass of half a ton, moving with a velocity of 800 feet per second, strikes a fixed target and is brought to rest in a hundredth part of a second. Find the impulse of the blow on the target, and supposing the resistance to be uniform throughout the time taken to bring the body to rest, find the distance through which it penetrates.

4. A mass of 4 cwt. falls from a height of 10 feet upon an inelastic pile of mass 12 cwt.; supposing the mean resistance of the ground to penetration by the pile to be  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ton's weight, determine the distance through which the pile is driven at each blow.

5. A bullet, of mass 20 grammes, is shot horizontally from a rifle, the barrel of which is one metre long, with a velocity of 200 metres per second into a mass of 50 kilogrammes of wood floating on water. If the bullet buries itself in the wood without making any splinters or causing it to rotate, find the velocity of the wood immediately after it is struck.

Find also the average force in grammes weight which is exerted on the bullet by the powder.

6. A hammer, of mass 4 cwt., falls through 4 feet and comes to rest after striking a mass of iron, the duration of the blow being  $\frac{1}{20}$ th of a second; find the pressure, supposing it to be uniform, which is exerted by the hammer on the iron.

7. Masses  $m$  and  $2m$  are connected by a string passing over a smooth pulley; at the end of 3 seconds a mass  $m$  is picked up by the ascending body; find the resulting motion.

8. Two equal masses,  $A$  and  $B$ , are connected by an inelastic thread, 3 feet long, and are laid close together on a smooth horizontal table  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet from its nearest edge;  $B$  is also connected by a stretched inelastic thread with an equal mass  $C$  hanging over the edge. Find the velocity of the masses when  $A$  begins to move and also when  $B$  arrives at the edge of the table.

9. Two masses of 5 and 7 lbs. respectively are connected by a string passing over a fixed smooth pulley; at the end of 3 seconds



the larger mass impinges on a fixed inelastic horizontal plane; shew that the system will be instantaneously at rest at the end of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  seconds more.

10. A string over a pulley supports a mass of 5 lbs. on one side and of 2 and 3 lbs. on the other, the lower mass 2 lbs. being distant 1 foot from the other. The two-pound weight is suddenly raised to the same level as the other and kept from falling. Shew that the string will become taut in a half second, and that the whole system will then move with a uniform velocity of 3.2 ft. per sec.

11. Two equal weights,  $P$  and  $Q$ , connected by a string over a smooth pulley, are moving with a common velocity,  $P$  descending and  $Q$  ascending. If  $P$  be suddenly stopped, and instantly let drop again, find the time that elapses before the string is tight again.

12. A mass  $M$  after falling freely through  $a$  feet begins to raise a mass  $m$  greater than itself and connected with it by means of an inextensible string passing over a fixed pulley. Shew that  $m$  will have returned to its original position at the end of time

$$\frac{2M}{m-M} \sqrt{\frac{2a}{g}}.$$

13. A light inelastic string passes over a light frictionless pulley and has masses of 12 ozs. and 9 ozs. attached to its ends. On the 9 oz. mass a bar of 7 ozs. is placed which is removed by a fixed ring after it has descended 7 feet from rest. How much further will the 9 oz. mass descend?

If whenever the 9 oz. mass passes up through the ring it carries the bar with it and whenever it passes down through the ring it leaves the bar behind, find the whole time that elapses before the system comes to rest.

14. Two railway carriages are moving side by side with different velocities; what is the ultimate effect of the interchanging of passengers between the carriages?

15. A man of 12 stone ascends a mountain 11000 feet high in 7 hours, and the difficulties in his way are equivalent to carrying a weight of 3 stone; one of Watt's horses could pull him up the same height without impediments in 56 minutes; shew that the horse does as much work as 6 such men in the same time.

16. A blacksmith, wielding a 14-lb. sledge, strikes an iron bar 25 times per minute, and brings the sledge to rest upon the bar after each blow. If the velocity of the sledge on striking the iron be 32 feet per second, compare the rate at which he is working with a horse-power.

17. A steam hammer, of mass 20 tons, falls vertically through 5 feet, being pressed downwards by steam pressure equal to the weight of 30 tons; what velocity will it acquire, and how many foot-pounds of work will it do before coming to rest?

18. A train of 150 tons, moving with a velocity of 50 miles per hour, has its steam shut off and the brakes applied, and is stopped in 363 yards. Supposing the resistance to its motion to be uniform, find its value, and find also the mechanical work done by it measured in foot-pounds.

19. A train, of mass 200 tons, is ascending an incline of 1 in 100 at the rate of 30 miles per hour, the resistance of the rails being equal to the weight of 8 lbs. per ton. The steam being shut off, and the brakes applied, the train is stopped in a quarter of a mile. Find the weight of the brake-van, the coefficient of sliding friction of iron on iron being  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

20. If a bicyclist always works with  $\frac{1}{10}$  H.P. and goes 12 miles per hour on the level, shew that the resistance of the road is 3.125 lbs. wt.

If the mass of the machine and its rider be 12 stone, shew that up an incline of 1 in 50 the speed will be reduced to about 5.8 miles per hour.

21. A man can bicycle at the rate of  $16\frac{1}{2}$  miles per hour on a smooth road. He exerts a down pressure, equal to 20 lbs. weight, with each foot during the down stroke, and the length of this stroke is 12 inches. If the machine be geared up to 63, find the work he does per minute.

[A bicycle is said to be geared up to 63 when, for every complete revolution of the pedals, it moves forward through a distance which is equal to the circumference of a wheel of diameter 63 inches.]

22. A rifle bullet loses  $\frac{1}{10}$ th of its velocity in passing through a plank; find how many such uniform planks it would pass through before coming to rest, assuming the resistance of the planks to be uniform.

23. A man sculling does  $E$  foot-pounds of work, usefully applied, at each stroke. If the total resistance of the water when the boat is moving  $n$  miles per hour be  $R$  lbs. weight, find the number of strokes he must take per minute to maintain this speed.

## CHAPTER VII.

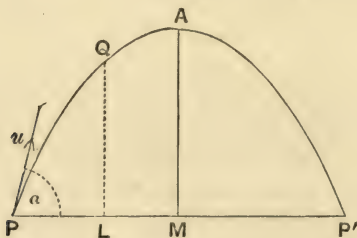
### PROJECTILES.

**98.** In the previous chapters we have considered only motion in straight lines. In the present chapter we shall consider the motion of a particle projected into the air with any direction and velocity. We shall suppose the motion to be within such a moderate distance of the earth's surface, that the acceleration due to gravity may be considered to remain sensibly constant. We shall also neglect the resistance of the air, and consider the motion to be *in vacuo*; for, firstly, the law of resistance of the air to the motion of a particle is not accurately known, and, secondly, even if this law were known, the discussion would require a much larger range of knowledge of pure mathematics than the reader of the present book is supposed to possess.

**99. Def.** When a particle is projected into the air, the angle that the direction in which it is projected makes with the horizontal plane through the point of projection is called the **angle of projection**; the path which the particle describes is called its **trajectory**; the distance between the point of projection and the point where the path meets any plane drawn through the point of projection is its **range on the plane**; and the time that elapses before it again meets the horizontal plane through the point of projection is called the **time of flight**.

**100.** If the earth did not attract a particle to itself, the particle would, if projected into the air, describe a straight line; on account of the attraction of the earth, however, the particle describes a curved line. This curve will be proved in Art. 113 to be always a parabola.

**101.** Let  $P$  be the point of projection,  $u$  the velocity and  $\alpha$  the angle of projection; also let  $PAP'$  be the path of the particle,  $A$  being the highest point, and  $P'$  the point where the path again meets the horizontal plane through  $P$ .



By the principle of the Physical Independence of Forces (Art. 71), the weight of the body only has effect on the motion of the body in the vertical direction; it therefore has no effect on the velocity of the body in the horizontal direction, and this horizontal velocity therefore remains unaltered.

The horizontal and vertical components of the initial velocity of the particle are  $u \cos \alpha$  and  $u \sin \alpha$  respectively.

The horizontal velocity is, therefore, throughout the motion equal to  $u \cos \alpha$ .

In the vertical direction the initial velocity is  $u \sin \alpha$  and the acceleration is  $-g$ , [for the acceleration due to gravity is  $g$  vertically downwards, and we are measuring

our positive direction *upwards*]. Hence the vertical motion is the same as that of a particle projected vertically upwards with velocity  $u \sin \alpha$ , and moving with acceleration  $-g$ .

The resultant motion of the particle is the same as that of a particle projected with a vertical velocity  $u \sin \alpha$  inside a vertical tube of small bore, whilst the tube moves in a horizontal direction with velocity  $u \cos \alpha$ .

**102.** *To find the velocity and direction of motion after a given time has elapsed.*

Let  $v$  be the velocity, and  $\theta$  the angle which the direction of motion at the end of time  $t$  makes with the horizontal.

Then  $v \cos \theta$  = horizontal velocity at end of time  $t$   
 $= u \cos \alpha$ , the constant horizontal velocity.

Also  $v \sin \theta$  = the vertical velocity at end of time  $t$   
 $= u \sin \alpha - gt$ .

Hence, by squaring and adding,

$$v^2 = u^2 - 2ugt \sin \alpha + g^2 t^2,$$

and, by division,  $\tan \theta = \frac{u \sin \alpha - gt}{u \cos \alpha}$ .

**103.** *To find the velocity and direction of motion at a given height.*

Let  $v$  be the magnitude, and  $\theta$  the inclination to the horizon, of the velocity of the particle at a given height  $h$ . The horizontal and vertical velocities at this point are therefore  $v \cos \theta$  and  $v \sin \theta$ .

Hence

$v \cos \theta = u \cos \alpha$ , the constant horizontal velocity...(1).



Also, by Art. 32,

$$v \sin \theta = \sqrt{u^2 \sin^2 \alpha - 2gh} \dots \dots \dots (2).$$

Squaring and adding (1) and (2), we have

$$v^2 = u^2 - 2gh.$$

Also, by division,  $\tan \theta = \frac{\sqrt{u^2 \sin^2 \alpha - 2gh}}{u \cos \alpha}.$

**104.** *To find the greatest height attained by a projectile, and the time that elapses before it is at its greatest height.*

Let  $A$ , (Fig. Art. 101), be the highest point of the path. The projectile must at  $A$  be moving horizontally, and hence the vertical velocity at  $A$  must be zero.

Hence, by Art. 32,

$$0 = u^2 \sin^2 \alpha - 2g \cdot MA.$$

$$\therefore MA = \frac{u^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{2g},$$

giving the greatest height attained.

Let  $T$  be the time from  $P$  to  $A$ ; then  $T$  is the time in which a vertical velocity  $u \sin \alpha$  is destroyed by gravity.

Hence, by Art. 32,  $0 = u \sin \alpha - gT.$

$$\therefore T = \frac{u \sin \alpha}{g},$$

giving the required time.

**105.** *To find the range on the horizontal plane and the time of flight.*

When the projectile arrives at  $P'$ , (Fig. Art. 101), the distance it has described in a vertical direction is zero.

Hence, if  $t$  be the time of flight, we have by Art. 32 (1),

$$0 = u \sin \alpha t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2,$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g} = \text{twice the time to the highest point.}$$

During this time  $t$  the horizontal velocity remains constant and equal to  $u \cos \alpha$ .

$\therefore PP' =$  horizontal distances described in time  $t$

$$= u \cos \alpha \cdot t = \frac{2u^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{g}.$$

Hence the range is equal to twice the product of the initial vertical and horizontal velocities divided by  $g$ .

**106.** *For a given velocity of projection,  $u$ , to find the maximum horizontal range, and the corresponding direction of projection.*

If  $\alpha$  be the angle of projection, the horizontal range, by the previous article,

$$= \frac{2u^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{g} = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g}.$$

Also  $\sin 2\alpha$  is greatest when  $2\alpha = 90^\circ$ , that is, when  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ .

Hence the range on a horizontal plane is greatest when the initial direction of projection is at an angle of  $45^\circ$  with the horizontal through the point of projection.

The magnitude of this maximum horizontal range is

$$\frac{u^2}{g} \sin 90^\circ, \text{ i.e., } \frac{u^2}{g}.$$

**107.** *To shew that, with a given velocity of projection, there are for a given horizontal range in general two directions of projection, which are equally inclined to the direction of maximum projection.*

By Art. 105, the range, when the angle of projection is  $\alpha$ , is  $\frac{u^2}{g} \sin 2\alpha$ .

Also, when the angle of projection is  $\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha$ , the range

$$= \frac{u^2}{g} \sin 2 \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha \right) = \frac{u^2}{g} \sin (\pi - 2\alpha) = \frac{u^2}{g} \sin 2\alpha.$$

Hence we have the same horizontal range for the angles of projection  $\alpha$  and  $\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha$ .

These directions are equally inclined to the horizon and the vertical respectively, and are therefore equally inclined to the direction of maximum range, which bisects the angle between the horizontal and the vertical.

**108. Ex. 1.** *A bullet is projected, with a velocity of 640 feet per second, at an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the horizontal; find (1) the greatest height attained, (2) the range on a horizontal plane and the time of flight, and (3) the velocity and direction of motion of the bullet when it is at a height of 576 feet.*

The initial horizontal velocity

$$= 640 \cos 30^\circ = 640 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 320\sqrt{3} \text{ feet per second.}$$

The initial vertical velocity  $= 640 \sin 30^\circ = 320$  feet per second.

(1) If  $h$  be the greatest height attained, then  $h$  is the distance through which a particle, starting with velocity 320 and moving with acceleration  $-g$ , goes before it comes to rest.

$$\therefore 0 = 320^2 - 2gh;$$

$$\therefore h = \frac{320^2}{2 \times 32} = 1600 \text{ feet.}$$

(2) If  $t$  be the time of flight, the vertical distance described in time  $t$  is zero.

$$\therefore 0 = 320t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2;$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{640}{g} = 20 \text{ seconds.}$$

The horizontal range = the distance described in 20 seconds by a particle moving with a constant velocity of  $320\sqrt{3}$  ft. per sec.

$$= 20 \times 320\sqrt{3} = 11085 \text{ feet approximately.}$$

(3) If  $v$  be the velocity, and  $\theta$  the inclination to the horizon, at a height of 576 feet, we have

$$v^2 \sin^2 \theta = 320^2 - 2g \cdot 576 = 32^2 \times 64,$$

and

$$v^2 \cos^2 \theta = (320\sqrt{3})^2 = 32^2 \times 300.$$

Hence, by addition, we have  $v = 32 \times \sqrt{364} = 610.5$  ft. per sec.

Also, by division,

$$\tan \theta = \sqrt{\frac{16}{75}} = \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{15} = .46188,$$

so that, from the table of natural tangents, we have  $\theta = 24^\circ 47'$  approximately.

**Ex. 2.** A cricket ball is thrown with a velocity of 96 feet per second; find the greatest range on the horizontal plane, and the two directions in which the ball may be thrown so as to give a range of 144 feet.

If the angle of projection be  $\alpha$ , the range, by Art. 105,

$$= \frac{2 \cdot 96^2 \cdot \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{g} = \frac{96^2 \cdot \sin 2\alpha}{g}.$$

The maximum range is obtained when  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ , and therefore

$$= \frac{96^2}{32} = 288 \text{ feet} = 96 \text{ yards.}$$

When the range is 144 feet, the angle  $\alpha$  is given by

$$\frac{96^2}{g} \sin 2\alpha = 144.$$

$$\therefore \sin 2\alpha = \frac{144 \times 32}{96^2} = \frac{144}{3 \times 96} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\therefore 2\alpha = 30^\circ, \text{ or } 150^\circ.$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 15^\circ, \text{ or } 75^\circ.$$

**Ex. 3.** A cannon ball is projected horizontally from the top of a tower, 49 feet high, with a velocity of 200 feet per second. Find

(1) the time of flight,

(2) the distance from the foot of the tower of the point at which it hits the ground, and

(3) its velocity when it hits the ground.

(1) The initial vertical velocity of the ball is zero, and hence  $t$ , the time of flight, is the time in which a body, falling freely under gravity, would describe 49 feet.

Hence

$$49 = \frac{1}{2}g \cdot t^2 = 16t^2.$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{7}{4} \text{ second.}$$

(2) During this time the horizontal velocity is constant, and therefore the required distance from the foot of the tower

$$= 200 \times \frac{1}{4} = 350 \text{ feet.}$$

(3) The vertical velocity at the end of  $\frac{1}{4}$  second  $= \frac{1}{4} \times 32 = 8$  feet per second, and the horizontal velocity is 200 feet per second;

$$\therefore \text{the required velocity} = \sqrt{200^2 + 8^2} = 8\sqrt{674} = 207.7 \text{ feet nearly.}$$

**Ex. 4.** From the top of a cliff, 80 feet high, a stone is thrown so that it starts with a velocity of 128 feet per second, at an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the horizon; find where it hits the ground at the bottom of the cliff.

The initial vertical velocity is  $128 \sin 30^\circ$ , or 64, feet per second, and the initial horizontal velocity is  $128 \cos 30^\circ$ , or  $64\sqrt{3}$ , feet per second.

Let  $T$  be the time that elapses before the stone hits the ground.

Then  $T$  is the time in which a stone, projected with vertical velocity 64 and moving with acceleration  $-g$ , describes a distance  $-80$  feet.

$$\therefore -80 = 64T - \frac{1}{2}gT^2.$$

Hence  $T = 5$  seconds.

During this time the horizontal velocity remains unaltered, and hence the distance of the point, where the stone hits the ground, from the foot of the cliff  $= 320\sqrt{3} = \text{about } 554 \text{ feet.}$

## EXAMPLES. XVII.

1. A particle is projected at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon with a velocity of  $u$  feet per second; find the greatest height attained, the time of flight, and the range on a horizontal plane, when

- (1)  $u = 64$ ,  $\alpha = 30^\circ$ ;
- (2)  $u = 80$ ,  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ ;
- (3)  $u = 96$ ,  $\alpha = 75^\circ$ ;
- (4)  $u = 200$ ,  $\alpha = \sin^{-1} \frac{3}{4}$ .

2. Find the greatest range on a horizontal plane when the velocity of projection is (1) 48, (2) 60, (3) 100 feet per second.

3. A shot leaves a gun at the rate of 500 feet per second; calculate the greatest distance to which it could be projected, and the height to which it would rise.

4. If a man can throw a stone 80 yards, how long is it in the air, and to what height does it rise?

5. A body is projected with a velocity of 80 ft. per sec. in a direction making an angle  $\tan^{-1} 3$  with the horizon; shew that it rises to a vertical height of 90 feet, that its direction of motion is inclined to the horizon at an angle of  $60^\circ$  when its vertical height above the ground is 60 feet, and that its time of flight is about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  secs.



6. A projectile is fired horizontally from a height of 9 feet from the ground, and reaches the ground at a horizontal distance of 1000 feet. Find its initial velocity.

7. A stone is thrown horizontally, with velocity  $\sqrt{2gh}$ , from the top of a tower of height  $h$ . Find where it will strike the level ground through the foot of the tower. What will be its striking velocity?

8. A stone is dropped from a height of 9 feet above the floor of a railway carriage which is travelling at the rate of 30 miles per hour. Find the velocity and direction of the particle in space at the instant when it meets the floor of the carriage.

9. A ship is moving with a velocity of 16 feet per second, and a body is allowed to fall from the top of its mast, which is 144 feet high; find the velocity and direction of motion of the body, (1) at the end of two seconds, (2) when it hits the deck.

10. A shot is fired from a gun on the top of a cliff, 400 feet high, with a velocity of 768 feet per second, at an elevation of  $30^\circ$ . Find the horizontal distance from the vertical line through the gun of the point where the shot strikes the water.

11. From the top of a vertical tower, whose height is  $\frac{1}{2}g$  feet, a particle is projected, the vertical and horizontal components of its initial velocity being  $6g$  and  $8g$  respectively; find the time of flight, and the distance from the foot of the tower of the point at which it strikes the ground.

12. A gun is aimed so that the shot strikes horizontally the top of the spire of Strasburg Cathedral, which is 462 feet high; shew that, if the angle of projection be  $\cot^{-1} 5$ , then the velocity of projection is nearly 877 feet per second.

13. Find the velocity and direction of projection of a shot which passes in a horizontal direction just over the top of a wall which is 50 yards off and 75 feet high.

14. A particle is projected at an angle of elevation  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$ , and its range on the horizontal plane is 4 miles; find the velocity of projection, and the velocity at the highest point of the path.

15. Two balls are projected from the same point in directions inclined at  $60^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal; if they attain the same height, what is the ratio of their velocities of projection?

What is this ratio if they have the same horizontal range?

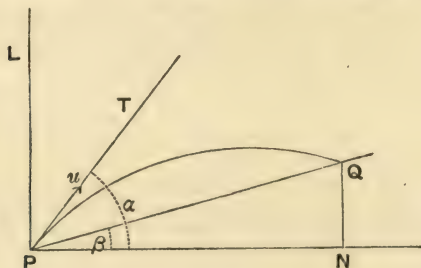
16. The velocity of a particle when at its greatest height is  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$  of its velocity when at half its greatest height; shew that the angle of projection is  $60^\circ$ .

17. Find the angle of projection when the range on a horizontal plane is (1) 4, (2)  $4\sqrt{3}$  times the greatest height attained.

18. Find the angle of projection when the range is equal to the distance through which the particle would have to fall in order to acquire a velocity equal to its velocity of projection.

**109. Range on an inclined plane.** *From a point on a plane, which is inclined at an angle  $\beta$  to the horizon, a particle is projected with a velocity  $u$ , at an angle  $\alpha$  with the horizontal, in a plane passing through the normal to the inclined plane and the line of greatest slope, to find the range on the inclined plane.*

Let  $PQ$  be the range on the inclined plane,  $PT$  the



direction of projection, and  $QN$  the perpendicular on the horizontal plane through  $P$ .

The initial component of the velocity perpendicular to  $PQ$  is  $u \sin(\alpha - \beta)$ , and the acceleration in this direction is  $-g \cos \beta$ .

Let  $T$  be the time which the particle takes to go from  $P$  to  $Q$ . Then in time  $T$  the space described in a direction perpendicular to  $PQ$  is zero.

Hence  $0 = u \sin(\alpha - \beta) \cdot T - \frac{1}{2}g \cos \beta \cdot T^2$ , and therefore

$$T = \frac{2u \sin(\alpha - \beta)}{g \cos \beta}.$$

During this time the horizontal velocity  $u \cos \alpha$  remains unaltered; hence  $PN = u \cos \alpha \cdot T$ , so that the range

$$PQ = \frac{PN}{\cos \beta} = \frac{u \cos \alpha}{\cos \beta} \cdot T = \frac{2u^2 \cos \alpha \sin(\alpha - \beta)}{g \cos^2 \beta}.$$

**110. Maximum range.** *To find the direction of projection which gives the maximum range on the inclined plane, and to shew that for any given range there are two directions of projection, which are equally inclined to the direction for maximum range.*

From the preceding article the range

$$= \frac{2u^2 \cos \alpha \sin (\alpha - \beta)}{g \cos^2 \beta} = \frac{u^2}{g \cos^2 \beta} \{ \sin (2\alpha - \beta) - \sin \beta \} \dots (i).$$

Now  $u$  and  $\beta$  are given; hence the range is a maximum when  $\sin (2\alpha - \beta)$  is greatest, or when  $2\alpha - \beta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

In this case  $\alpha - \beta = \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha$ , i.e., the angles  $TPQ$  and  $LPT$  are equal.

Hence *The direction for maximum range bisects the angle between the vertical and the inclined plane.*

Also the maximum range

$$= \frac{u^2}{g \cos^2 \beta} (1 - \sin \beta) = \frac{u^2}{g (1 + \sin \beta)}.$$

Again, the range with an angle of elevation  $\alpha_1$  is, by (i), the same as that with elevation  $\alpha$ , if

$$\sin (2\alpha_1 - \beta) = \sin (2\alpha - \beta),$$

i.e., if

$$2\alpha_1 - \beta = \pi - (2\alpha - \beta),$$

i.e., if

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{\pi}{2} + \beta - \alpha,$$

i.e., if

$$\alpha_1 - \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\beta}{2} \right) = \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\beta}{2} \right) - \alpha.$$

But  $\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\beta}{2}$  is the elevation which gives the greatest range.

Hence for any **given** range on an inclined plane there are two angles of projection, the two corresponding directions of projection being equally inclined to that for the maximum range on the plane.

**111. Ex. 1.** From the foot of an inclined plane, whose rise is 7 in 25, a shot is projected with a velocity of 600 feet per second at an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the horizontal, (1) up the plane, (2) down the plane. Find the range in each case.

Let  $\beta$  be the inclination of the plane, so that

$$\sin \beta = \frac{7}{25} \text{ and } \cos \beta = \frac{24}{25}.$$

(i) By Art. 109, the range in the first case

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2 \frac{600^2 \cos 30^\circ \sin (30^\circ - \beta)}{g \cos^2 \beta} = \frac{600^2}{16} \times \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{24}{25} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{25} \right)}{\frac{24^2}{25^2}} \\ &= \frac{360000}{16} \times \frac{25\sqrt{3} (24 - 7\sqrt{3})}{4 \times 576} = \frac{750000}{1024} (8\sqrt{3} - 7) \\ &= 5022 \text{ feet approximately.} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) The initial velocity perpendicular to the inclined plane is  $u \sin (30^\circ + \beta)$  and the acceleration is  $-g \cos \beta$ . Hence the time of flight,  $T$ , is  $2 \frac{u \sin (30^\circ + \beta)}{g \cos \beta}$ . Hence, as in Art. 109, if  $R_1$  be the range, we have  $R_1 \cos \beta = u \cos 30^\circ \cdot T$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore R_1 &= 2 \frac{u^2 \cos 30^\circ \sin (30^\circ + \beta)}{g \cos^2 \beta} = \frac{750000}{1024} (8\sqrt{3} + 7), \text{ as in (i),} \\ &= 15275 \text{ feet approx.} \end{aligned}$$

**N.B.** The range down an inclined plane may also be obtained from the formula of Art. 109, by changing  $\beta$  into  $-\beta$ , so that it is

$$\frac{2u^2 \cos \alpha \sin (\alpha + \beta)}{g \cos^2 \beta}.$$

**Ex. 2.** In the previous example, find the greatest range.

The angle of projection  $\alpha$  must

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \beta \right) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\beta}{2}.$$

$$\text{The range now} = \frac{u^2}{g \cos^2 \beta} (1 - \sin \beta)$$

$$= \frac{u^2}{g} \frac{1}{1 + \sin \beta} = \frac{600^2}{32} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{7}{25}}$$

$$= \frac{360000 \times 25}{32 \times 32} = 8789 \text{ ft. approx.}$$

Similarly the greatest range down the inclined plane would be found to be  $\frac{600^2}{32} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{7}{25}}$ , i.e., 15625 feet.

**Ex. 3.** *A particle is projected at an angle  $\alpha$  with the horizontal from the foot of a plane, whose inclination to the horizon is  $\beta$ ; shew that it will strike the plane at right angles, if  $\cot \beta = 2 \tan (\alpha - \beta)$ .*

Let  $u$  be the velocity of projection, so that  $u \cos (\alpha - \beta)$  and  $u \sin (\alpha - \beta)$  are the initial velocities respectively parallel and perpendicular to the inclined plane.

The accelerations in these two directions are  $-g \sin \beta$  and  $-g \cos \beta$ .

Then, as in Art. 109, the time,  $T$ , that elapses before the particle reaches the plane again is  $\frac{2u \sin (\alpha - \beta)}{g \cos \beta}$ .

If the direction of motion at the instant when the particle hits the plane be perpendicular to the plane, then the velocity at that instant parallel to the plane must be zero.

Hence  $u \cos (\alpha - \beta) - g \sin \beta \cdot T = 0$ .

$$\therefore \frac{u \cos (\alpha - \beta)}{g \sin \beta} = T = \frac{2u \sin (\alpha - \beta)}{g \cos \beta}.$$

$$\therefore \cot \beta = 2 \tan (\alpha - \beta).$$

**112. Motion upon an inclined plane.** *A particle moves upon a smooth plane which is inclined at an angle  $\beta$  to the horizon, being projected from a point in the plane with velocity  $u$  in a direction inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the intersection of the inclined plane with a horizontal plane; to find the motion.*

Resolve the acceleration due to gravity into two components; one,  $g \sin \beta$ , in the direction of the line of greatest slope, and the other,  $g \cos \beta$ , perpendicular to the inclined plane. The latter acceleration is destroyed by the reaction of the plane.

The particle therefore moves upon the inclined plane with an acceleration  $g \sin \beta$  parallel to the line of greatest slope.

Hence the investigation of the motion is the same as that in Arts. 101—107, if we substitute " $g \sin \beta$ " for " $g$ ", and instead of "vertical distances" read "distances measured on the inclined plane parallel to the line of greatest slope."



## EXAMPLES. XVIII.

1. A plane is inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizon; from its foot a particle is projected with a velocity of 600 feet per second in a direction inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the horizon; find the range on the inclined plane and the time of flight.

2. A particle is projected with velocity  $V$ , at an angle of  $75^\circ$  to the horizon, from the foot of a plane whose inclination is  $30^\circ$ . Find where it will strike the plane. Find also the maximum range of the particle on the inclined plane.

3. A particle is projected with velocity 64 feet per second at an angle of  $45^\circ$  with the horizon; find its range on a plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal and its time of flight. Find also its greatest range on the inclined plane with the given initial velocity.

4. A particle is projected with a velocity of 1280 feet per second at an angle of  $45^\circ$  with the horizontal; find its range on a plane inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}$ , when projected (i) up, (ii) down, the plane.

5. The velocity of projection of a rifle ball is 800 feet per second. Find its greatest range and the corresponding time of flight on planes inclined to the horizon at angles of

(1)  $45^\circ$ , (2)  $60^\circ$ , (3)  $\sin^{-1}\frac{1}{2}$ , (4)  $\sin^{-1}\frac{5}{13}$ .

6. The greatest range of a particle, projected with a certain velocity, on a horizontal plane is 5000 yards; find its greatest range on an inclined plane whose inclination is  $45^\circ$ .

Find also the greatest range when the particle is projected down the inclined plane.

7. The greatest range, with a given velocity of projection, on a horizontal plane is 3000 feet; shew that the greatest ranges up and down a plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizon are respectively 2000 and 6000 feet.

8. From a point on a plane inclined at (1)  $30^\circ$ , (2)  $60^\circ$ , to the horizon a particle is projected at right angles to the plane with a velocity of 80 feet per second; find the range on the plane in the two cases.

**\*113.** *A particle is projected into the air with a given velocity and direction of projection; to shew that its path is a parabola.*

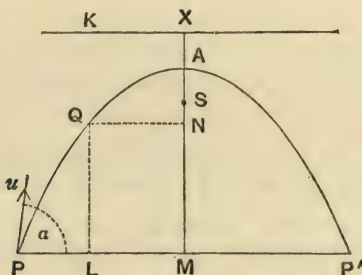
As in Art. 101, let  $u$  be the velocity and  $\alpha$  the angle of projection,  $PP'$  the horizontal range,  $A$  the highest point and  $AM$  the perpendicular on  $PP'$ . Then, by Art. 104,

$$AM = \frac{u^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{2g} \dots\dots\dots (1).$$

Also  $PM$  = horizontal distance described in time  $\frac{u \sin \alpha}{g}$   

$$= \frac{u^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{g} \dots\dots\dots (2).$$

Let  $Q$  be any point on the path, and let  $QN$  and  $QL$  be the perpendiculars on  $AM$  and  $PP'$  respectively. Let  $t$  be the time from  $P$  to  $Q$ .



Then  $QL$  = vertical distance described in time  $t$   

$$= u \sin \alpha \cdot t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \dots\dots\dots (3),$$

and  $PL = u \cos \alpha \cdot t \dots\dots\dots (4).$

Hence from (1) and (3),

$$\begin{aligned} AN &= AM - NM = AM - QL \\ &= \frac{u^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{2g} - (u \sin \alpha t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2) = \frac{g}{2} \left( \frac{u \sin \alpha}{g} - t \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Also, from (2) and (4),

$$\begin{aligned} QN &= PM - PL = \frac{u^2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}{g} - u \cos \alpha t \\ &= u \cos \alpha \left( \frac{u \sin \alpha}{g} - t \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore QN^2 &= u^2 \cos^2 \alpha \left( \frac{u \sin \alpha}{g} - t \right)^2 = u^2 \cos^2 \alpha \cdot \frac{2AN}{g} \\ &= \frac{2u^2 \cos^2 \alpha}{g} \cdot AN. \end{aligned}$$

Measure  $AS$  vertically downwards and equal to  $\frac{u^2 \cos^2 a}{2g}$ .  
 $\therefore QN^2 = 4AS \cdot AN$ .

Hence  $Q$  lies on a parabola whose axis is vertical, whose vertex is at  $A$ , and whose latus rectum

$$= 4AS = \frac{2u^2 \cos^2 a}{g}.$$

**Cor. I.** It will be noted that the latus rectum, and therefore the *size*, of the parabola depends only on the initial horizontal velocity and is independent of the initial vertical velocity.

**Cor. II.** The height of the focus  $S$  above the horizontal line through  $P = SM = AM - AS$

$$= \frac{u^2 \sin^2 a}{2g} - \frac{u^2 \cos^2 a}{2g} = -\frac{u^2}{2g} \cos 2a.$$

Hence, if  $a$  be less than  $45^\circ$ , this distance is negative and the focus of the path is then situated *below* the horizontal line drawn through the point of projection.

**\* 114.** To shew that the velocity at any point is equal in magnitude to that which would be acquired by a particle in falling freely through the height from the directrix to the point.

In the figure of Art. 113, produce  $MA$  to  $X$ , making  $AX$  equal to  $AS$ , and draw  $XK$  horizontal. Then  $XK$  is the directrix.

If  $v$  be the velocity at  $Q$ , we have, by Art. 102,

$$\begin{aligned} v^2 &= (u \sin a - gt)^2 + (u \cos a)^2 \\ &= u^2 - 2ug \sin a t + g^2 t^2 \\ &= 2g \left[ \frac{u^2}{2g} - (u \sin a \cdot t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } MX = MA + AX = \frac{u^2 \sin^2 \alpha}{2g} + \frac{u^2 \cos^2 \alpha}{2g} = \frac{u^2}{2g},$$

$$\text{and } MN = QL = u \sin \alpha \cdot t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2.$$

$$\therefore v^2 = 2g [MX - MN] = 2g \cdot NX.$$

Hence  $v$  is equal to the velocity that would be acquired in falling through the vertical distance from the directrix to the point  $Q$ .

### EXAMPLES. XIX.

1. On the moon there seems to be no atmosphere, and gravity there is about one-sixth of that on the earth. What space of country would be commanded by the guns of a lunar fort able to project shot with a velocity of 1600 feet per second?

2. A tennis-ball is served from a height of 8 feet; it just touches the net at a point where it is 3 ft. 3 ins. high and hits the service-line 21 feet from the net; the horizontal distance of the server from the foot of the net being 39 feet, shew that the horizontal velocity of the ball is about 171 feet per second and find the angle of projection.

3. A plane, of length 6 feet, is inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizon, and a particle is projected straight up the plane with a velocity of 16 feet per second; find the greatest height attained by the particle after leaving the plane, and the range on a horizontal plane passing through the foot of the inclined plane.

4. If a stone be hurled from a sling which has been swung in a horizontal circle of 3 feet radius, at a height of 6 feet from the ground, and at the steady rate of 21 revolutions in 2 seconds, find the range on the ground.

5. Two guns are pointed at each other, one upwards at the angle of elevation  $30^\circ$ , and the other downwards at the same angle of depression, the muzzles being 100 feet apart. If the charges leave the guns with velocities 1100 and 900 feet per second respectively, find when and where they will meet.

6. In aiming at a mark a projectile falls  $a$  ft. short when the elevation is  $\alpha$ , and goes  $b$  ft. too far when the elevation is  $\beta$ . Shew that, if the velocity of projection be the same in all cases, the proper elevation is

$$\frac{1}{2} \sin^{-1} \frac{a \sin 2\beta + b \sin 2\alpha}{a + b}.$$

7. A hill is inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizon; from a point on the hill one projectile is projected up the hill and another down; the angle of projection in each case is  $45^\circ$  with the horizon; shew that the range of one projectile is nearly  $3\frac{1}{2}$  that of the other.

8. A particle is projected from a point on an inclined plane in a direction making an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the horizon; if the range on the plane be equal to the distance through which another particle would fall from rest during the time of flight of the first particle, find the inclination of the plane to the horizon.

9. From a point in a given inclined plane two bodies are projected with the same velocity in the same vertical plane at right angles to one another; shew that the difference of their ranges is constant.

10. The angular elevation of an enemy's position on a hill  $h$  feet high is  $\beta$ ; shew that, in order to shell it, the initial velocity of the projectile must not be less than  $\sqrt{gh(1 + \operatorname{cosec} \beta)}$ .

11. Shew that the greatest range on an inclined plane passing through the point of projection is equal to the distance through which the particle would fall freely during the corresponding time of flight.

12. A particle, projected with velocity  $u$ , strikes at right angles a plane through the point of projection inclined at an angle  $\beta$  to the horizon. Shew that the height of the point struck above the horizontal plane through the point of projection is  $\frac{2u^2}{g} \frac{\sin^2 \beta}{1 + 3 \sin^2 \beta}$ , that the time of flight is  $\frac{2u}{g \sqrt{1 + 3 \sin^2 \beta}}$ , and that the range on a horizontal plane through the point of projection would be

$$\frac{u^2 \sin 2\beta}{g} \frac{1 + \sin^2 \beta}{1 + 3 \sin^2 \beta}.$$

13. Shew that four times the square of the number of seconds in the time of flight in the range on a horizontal plane equals the height in feet of the highest point of the trajectory.

14. If the maximum height of a projectile above a horizontal plane passing through the point of projection be  $h$ , and  $\alpha$  be the angle of projection, find the interval between the instants at which the height of the projectile is  $h \sin^2 \alpha$ .

15. Find the direction in which a rifle must be pointed so that the bullet may strike a body let fall from a balloon at the instant of firing; find also the point where the bullet meets the body, supposing the balloon to be 220 yards high, the angle of its elevation from the position of the rifleman to be  $30^\circ$ , and the velocity of projection of the bullet to be 1320 feet per second. [The balloon is at rest.]



16. Two particles are projected simultaneously, one with velocity  $V$  up a smooth plane inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizon, and the other with a velocity  $\frac{2V}{\sqrt{3}}$  at an elevation of  $60^\circ$ . Shew that the particles will be relatively at rest at the end of  $\frac{2V}{3g}$  seconds from the instant of projection.

17. The radii of the front and hind wheels of a carriage are  $a$  and  $b$ , and  $c$  is the distance between the axle-trees; a particle of dust driven from the highest point of the hind wheel is observed to alight on the highest point of the front wheel. Shew that the velocity of the carriage is

$$\sqrt{\frac{(c+b-a)(c+a-b)}{4(b-a)}} g.$$

18. Find the charge of powder required to send a 68 lb. shot, with an elevation of  $15^\circ$ , to a range of 3000 yards, given that the velocity communicated to the same shot by a charge of 10 lbs. is 1600 feet per second, and assuming that the kinetic energy of the shot is proportional to the magnitude of the charge.

19. A body, of mass 2 lbs., is projected with a velocity of 20 feet per second at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the horizon; another body, of mass 3 lbs., is at the same time projected from the same point with a velocity of 40 feet per second at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizon. Find to two places of decimals the height to which their common centre of gravity rises, and the distance of the point at which it meets the horizontal plane through the point of projection.

20. A train is travelling at the rate of 45 miles per hour, and a passenger throws up a ball vertically with an initial velocity of 12 feet per second; find the latus rectum of the path which it describes. If the ball be projected with the same velocity at  $60^\circ$  to the horizontal (1) in the same direction, (2) in the opposite direction, with the motion of the train, find the latus rectum in each case.

21. In a trajectory find the time that elapses before the particle is at the end of the latus rectum.

22. A particle is projected so as to enter in the direction of its length a small straight tube of small bore fixed at an angle of  $45^\circ$  to the horizon and to pass out at the other end of the tube; shew that the latera recta of the paths which the particle describes before entering and leaving the tube differ by  $\sqrt{2}$  times the length of the tube.

23. A particle is projected horizontally from the top of a tower, 100 feet high, and the focus of the parabola which it describes is in the horizontal plane through the foot of the tower; find the velocity of projection.

24. A particle is projected with velocity  $2\sqrt{ag}$  so that it just clears two walls, of equal height  $a$ , which are at a distance  $2a$  from each other. Shew that the latus rectum of the path is  $2a$ , and that the time of passing between the walls is  $2\sqrt{\frac{a}{g}}$ .

25. Shew that the locus of the foci of all trajectories which pass through two given points is a hyperbola.

26. If  $t$  be the time in which a projectile reaches a point  $P$  of its path, and  $t'$  be the time from  $P$  till it strikes the horizontal plane through the point of projection, shew that the height of  $P$  above the plane is  $\frac{1}{2}gt't'$ .

27. If at any point of a parabolic path the velocity be  $u$  and the inclination to the horizon be  $\theta$ , shew that the particle is moving at right angles to its former direction after a time  $\frac{u}{g \sin \theta}$ .

## CHAPTER VIII.

### COLLISION OF ELASTIC BODIES.

**115.** IF a man allow a glass ball to drop from his hand upon a marble floor it rebounds to a considerable height, almost as high as his hand; if the same ball be allowed to fall upon a wooden floor, it rebounds through a much smaller distance.

If we allow an ivory billiard ball and a glass ball to drop from the same height, the distances through which they rebound will be different.

If again we drop a leaden ball upon the same floors, the distances through which it rebounds are much smaller than in either of the former cases.

Now the velocities of these bodies are the same on first touching the floor; but, since they rebound through different heights, their velocities on leaving the floor must be different.

The property of the bodies which causes these differences in their velocities after leaving the floor is called their **Elasticity**.

In the present chapter we shall consider some simple cases of the impact of elastic bodies. We can only discuss the cases of particles in collision with particles or planes, and of smooth homogeneous spheres in collision with smooth planes or smooth spheres.

**116. Def.** Two bodies are said to *impinge directly* when the direction of motion of each is along the common normal at the point at which they touch.

They are said to *impinge obliquely* when the direction of motion of either, or both, is not along the common normal at the point of contact.

The direction of this common normal is called the *line of impact*.

In the case of two spheres the common normal is the line joining their centres.

**117. Newton's Experimental Law.** Newton found, by experiment, that, if two bodies impinge directly, their relative velocity after impact is in a constant ratio to their relative velocity before impact, and is in the opposite direction. [The experiment is described in Art. 151.]

If the bodies impinge obliquely, their relative velocity resolved along their common normal after impact is in a constant ratio to their relative velocity before impact resolved in the same direction, and is of opposite sign.

This constant ratio depends on the substances of which the bodies are made, and is independent of the masses of the bodies. It is generally denoted by  $e$  and is called the Modulus or Coefficient of Elasticity, Restitution, or Resilience. Either of the two latter terms is better than the first.

If  $u$  and  $u'$  be the component velocities of two bodies before impact along their common normal and  $v$  and  $v'$  the component velocities of the bodies *in the same direction* after impact, the law states that  $v - v' = -e(u - u')$ .

The value of  $e$  has widely different values for different bodies; for two glass balls  $e$  is .94; for two ivory ones it is .81; for two of cork it is .65; for two of cast-iron about

·66; whilst for two balls of lead it is about ·20, and for two balls, one of lead and the other of iron, the value is ·13.

Bodies for which the coefficient of restitution is zero are said to be “inelastic”; whilst “perfectly elastic” bodies are those for which the coefficient is unity. Probably there are no bodies in nature coming strictly under either of these headings; approximate examples of the former class are such bodies as putty, whilst probably the nearest approach to the latter class is made by glass balls.

More careful experiments have shewn that the ratio of the relative velocities before and after impact is not absolutely constant, but that it decreases very slightly for very large velocities of approach of the bodies.

**118.** *Motion of two smooth bodies perpendicular to the line of impact.*

When two smooth bodies impinge, there is no tangential action between them, so that the stress between them is entirely along their common normal, *i.e.* the line which is perpendicular to both surfaces at their point of contact. Hence there is no force perpendicular to this common normal, and therefore no change of velocity in that direction. Hence the component velocity of each body in a direction perpendicular to the common normal is unaltered by the impact.

**119.** *Motion of two bodies along the line of impact.*

From Art. 86 it follows that, when two bodies impinge, the sum of their momenta along the line of impact is the same after impact as before.

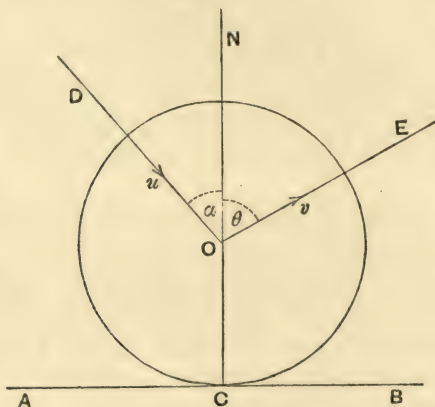
The two principles enunciated in this and the previous article, together with Newton's experimental law, are sufficient to find the change in the motion of particles and smooth spheres produced by a collision.

We shall now proceed to the discussion of particular cases.



**120. Impact on a fixed plane.** *A smooth sphere, or particle, whose mass is  $m$  and whose coefficient of restitution is  $e$ , impinges obliquely on a fixed plane; to find the change in its motion.*

Let  $AB$  be the fixed plane,  $C$  the point at which the



sphere impinges, and  $CN$  the normal to the plane at  $C$  so that  $CN$  passes through the centre,  $O$ , of the sphere.

Let  $DO$  and  $OE$  be the directions of motion of the centre of the sphere before and after impact, and let the angles  $NOD$  and  $NOE$  be  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$ . Let  $u$  and  $v$  be the velocities of the sphere before and after impact as indicated in the figure.

Since the plane is smooth, there is no force parallel to the plane; hence the velocity of the sphere resolved in a direction parallel to the plane is unaltered.

$$\therefore v \sin \theta = u \sin \alpha \dots\dots\dots(1).$$

By Newton's experimental law, the relative velocity

along the common normal after impact is  $(-e)$  times the relative velocity before impact.

$$\text{Hence } v \cos \theta - 0 = -e(-u \cos \alpha - 0).$$

$$\therefore v \cos \theta = eu \cos \alpha \dots \dots \dots (2).$$

From (1) and (2), by squaring and adding, we have

$$v = u \sqrt{\sin^2 \alpha + e^2 \cos^2 \alpha},$$

and, by division,  $\cot \theta = e \cot \alpha$ .

These two equations give the velocity and direction of motion after impact.

The impulse of the pressure on the plane is equal and opposite to the impulse of the pressure on the sphere, and is therefore measured by the change of the momentum of the sphere perpendicular to the plane.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence the impulse of the blow} &= mu \cos \alpha + mv \cos \theta \\ &= m(1+e)u \cos \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

**Cor. 1.** If the impact be direct, we have  $\alpha = 0$ .

$$\therefore \theta = 0, \text{ and } v = eu.$$

Hence *The direction of motion of a sphere, which impinges directly on a smooth plane, is reversed and its velocity reduced in the ratio 1 : e.*

**Cor. 2.** If the coefficient of restitution be unity, we have  $\theta = \alpha$ , and  $v = u$ .

Hence *When the plane is perfectly elastic the angle of reflexion is equal to that of incidence, and the velocity is unaltered in magnitude.*

**Cor. 3.** If the coefficient of restitution be zero, we have  $\theta = 90^\circ$ , and  $v = u \sin \alpha$ .

Hence *A sphere after impact with an inelastic plane slides along the plane with its velocity parallel to the plane unaltered.*

121. **Ex.** A ball, moving with a velocity of 10 feet per second, impinges on a smooth fixed plane at an angle of  $45^\circ$ ; if the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , find the velocity and direction of motion of the ball after the impact.

Let its velocity after the impact be  $v$  at an angle  $\theta$  with the fixed plane.

Its component velocities along and perpendicular to the plane, before impact, are each  $10 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , i.e.,  $5\sqrt{2}$ . After impact its component velocities in the same two directions are  $v \cos \theta$  and  $v \sin \theta$ .

Hence we have

$$v \cos \theta = 5\sqrt{2},$$

$$v \sin \theta = e \cdot 5\sqrt{2} = 4\sqrt{2}.$$

Therefore, by squaring and adding,

$$v^2 = 82, \text{ so that } v = \sqrt{82} = 9.06.$$

Also, by division,  $\tan \theta = \frac{4}{5}$ , so that, by the table of natural tangents,  $\theta = 38^\circ 40'$  nearly. Hence, after the impact, the ball moves with a velocity of 9.06 ft. per sec. at an angle of  $38^\circ 40'$  with the plane.

### EXAMPLES. XX.

1. A glass marble drops from a height of 9 feet upon a horizontal floor; if the coefficient of restitution be .9, find the height to which it rises after the impact.

2. An ivory ball is dropped from a height of 25 feet upon a horizontal slab; if it rebound to a height of 16 feet, shew that the coefficient of restitution between the slab and the ball is .8.

3. A heavy elastic ball drops from the ceiling of a room, and after rebounding twice from the floor reaches a height equal to one half that of the ceiling; shew that the coefficient of restitution is  $\sqrt[4]{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

4. From a point in one wall of a room a ball is projected along the smooth floor to hit the opposite wall and returns to the point from which it started; if the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , shew that the ball takes twice as long in returning as it took in going.

5. From a point in the floor of a room a ball is projected vertically with velocity  $32\sqrt{3}$  feet per second; if the height of the room be 16 feet, and the coefficients of restitution between the ball and the ceiling and the ball and the floor be each  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ , shew that the ball, after rebounding from the ceiling and the floor, will again just reach the height of the ceiling.

6. A ball moving with a velocity of 8 ft. per sec. impinges at an angle of  $30^\circ$  on a smooth plane; find its velocity and direction of motion after the impact, the coefficient of restitution being  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

7. A sphere moving with a velocity of 5 ft. per sec. hits against a smooth plane, its direction of motion being inclined at an angle  $\sin^{-1} \frac{3}{5}$  ( $=36^{\circ}52'$ ) to the plane; shew that after impact its velocity is  $2\sqrt{5}$  ( $=4.47$ ) ft. per sec. at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$  ( $=26^{\circ}34'$ ) with the plane, if the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

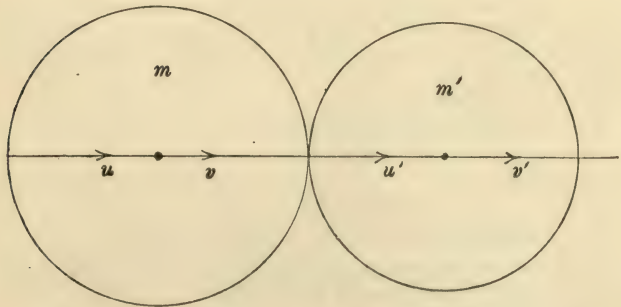
8. A ball falls from a height of 16 feet upon a plane inclined at (1)  $30^{\circ}$ , (2)  $45^{\circ}$ , and (3)  $60^{\circ}$ , to the horizon; find the velocity and direction of motion after the impact in the three cases, the coefficient of restitution being  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

**122. Direct impact of two spheres.** *A smooth sphere, of mass  $m$ , impinges directly with velocity  $u$  on another smooth sphere, of mass  $m'$ , moving in the same direction with velocity  $u'$ . If the coefficient of restitution be  $e$ , to find their velocities after the impact.*

Let  $v$  and  $v'$  be the velocities of the two spheres after impact.

By Newton's experimental law, the relative velocity after impact is  $(-e)$  times the relative velocity before impact.

$\therefore v - v' = -e(u - u') \dots\dots\dots(1).$



Again, the only force acting on the bodies during the impact is the blow along the line of centres. Hence, by Art. 119, the total momentum in that direction is unaltered.

$\therefore mv + m'v' = mu + m'u' \dots\dots\dots(2).$

Multiplying (1) by  $m'$ , and adding to (2), we have

$$(m + m') v = (m - em') u + m' (1 + e) u'.$$

Again multiplying (1) by  $m$ , and subtracting from (2), we have

$$(m + m') v' = m (1 + e) u + (m' - em) u'.$$

These two equations give the velocities after impact.

If the second sphere be moving in a direction opposite to that of the first, we must change the sign of  $u'$ .

Also the impulse of the blow on the ball  $m$

= the change produced in its momentum

$$= m(u - v) = \frac{mm'}{m + m'} (1 + e) (u - u').$$

The impulse of the blow on the other ball is equal and opposite to this.

**Cor.** If we put  $m = m'$  and  $e = 1$ , we have

$$v = u', \text{ and } v' = u.$$

Hence *If two equal perfectly elastic balls impinge directly they interchange their velocities.*

**123. Ex. 1.** A ball, of mass 8 lbs. and moving with velocity 4 feet per second, overtakes a ball, of mass 10 lbs. moving with velocity 2 feet per second in the same direction; if  $e$  be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , find the velocities of the balls after impact.

Let  $v$  and  $v'$  be the required velocities.

Since the total momentum is unaltered,

$$\therefore 8v + 10v' = 8 \times 4 + 10 \times 2 = 52.$$

By Newton's Law,

$$v - v' = -\frac{1}{2} [4 - 2] = -1.$$

Hence, by solving,  $v = 2\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $v' = 3\frac{1}{2}$ , feet per second.

**Ex. 2.** If in the previous question, the second ball be moving in a direction opposite to the first, find the velocities.

Here the equations are

$$8v + 10v' = 8 \times 4 - 10 \times 2 = 12,$$

and

$$v - v' = -\frac{1}{2} [4 - (-2)] = -3.$$

Hence, solving,  $v = -1$  and  $v' = 2$  feet per second so that each ball turns back after the impact, since the velocities are reckoned positively in the direction in which the first was going before impact.

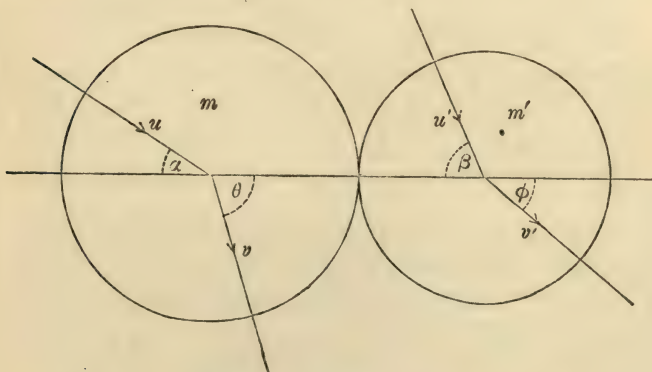


**124. Oblique impact of two spheres.** *A smooth sphere, of mass  $m$ , impinges with a velocity  $u$  obliquely on a smooth sphere, of mass  $m'$ , moving with velocity  $u'$ . If the directions of motion before impact make angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively with the line joining the centres of the spheres, and if the coefficient of restitution be  $e$ , to find the velocities and directions of motion after impact.*

Let the velocities of the spheres after impact be  $v$  and  $v'$  in directions inclined at angles  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  respectively to the line of centres.

Since the spheres are smooth, there is no force perpendicular to the line joining the centres of the two balls, and therefore the velocities in that direction are unaltered.

Hence  $v \sin \theta = u \sin \alpha$  ..... (1),  
and  $v' \sin \phi = u' \sin \beta$  ..... (2).



For the motion along the line of centres we have, by Newton's Law,

$$v \cos \theta - v' \cos \phi = -e(u \cos \alpha - u' \cos \beta) \dots\dots (3).$$

Again, the only force acting on the spheres during the

impact is the blow along the line of centres. Hence (Art. 119) the total momentum in that direction is unaltered.

$$\therefore mv \cos \theta + m'v' \cos \phi = mu \cos \alpha + m'u' \cos \beta \dots (4).$$

The equations (1), (2), (3) and (4) determine the unknown quantities  $v$ ,  $v'$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\phi$ .

Multiply (3) by  $m'$ , add to (4), and we obtain

$$v \cos \theta = \frac{(m - em') u \cos \alpha + m' (1 + e) u' \cos \beta}{m + m'} \dots\dots (5).$$

So multiplying (3) by  $m$ , and subtracting from (4), we get

$$v' \cos \phi = \frac{m (1 + e) u \cos \alpha + (m' - em) u' \cos \beta}{m + m'} \dots\dots (6).$$

From (1) and (5) by squaring and adding we obtain  $v^2$ , and by division we have  $\tan \theta$ .

Similarly from (2) and (6) we obtain  $v'^2$  and  $\tan \phi$ .

Hence the motion is completely determined.

The impulse of the blow on the first ball = the change produced in its momentum =  $m(u \cos \alpha - v \cos \theta)$

$$= \frac{mm'}{m + m'} (1 + e) (u \cos \alpha - u' \cos \beta), \text{ on reduction.}$$

The impulse of the blow on the other ball is equal and opposite to this.

**Cor. 1.** If  $u' = 0$ , we have from equation (2)  $\phi = 0$ , and hence the sphere  $m'$  moves along the line of centres. This follows independently, since the only force on  $m'$  is along the line of centres.

**Cor. 2.** If  $m = m'$ , and  $e = 1$ , we have

$$v \cos \theta = u' \cos \beta, \text{ and } v' \cos \phi = u \cos \alpha.$$

Hence *If two equal perfectly elastic spheres impinge they interchange their velocities in the direction of the line of centres.*

**125. Ex. 1.** *A ball, of mass 5 lbs. and moving with velocity 15 ft. per sec., impinges on a ball, of mass 10 lbs. and moving with velocity 5 ft. per sec.; if their velocities before impact be parallel and inclined at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the line joining their centres at the instant of impact, find the resulting motion, the coefficient of restitution being  $\frac{1}{2}$ .*

Let the velocities after impact be  $v$  and  $v'$  at angles  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  to the line joining the centres.

Since the velocities perpendicular to the line of centres are unaltered, we have

$$v \sin \theta = 15 \sin 30^\circ = \frac{15}{2} \dots \dots \dots (1),$$

and 
$$v' \sin \phi = 5 \sin 30^\circ = \frac{5}{2} \dots \dots \dots (2).$$

By Newton's Law,

$$v \cos \theta - v' \cos \phi = -\frac{1}{2} [15 \cos 30^\circ - 5 \cos 30^\circ] = -5 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \dots (3).$$

Since the momentum along the line of impact is unaltered,

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 5v \cos \theta + 10v' \cos \phi &= 5 \cdot 15 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 10 \cdot 5 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}. \\ \therefore v \cos \theta + 2v' \cos \phi &= 25 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \dots \dots \dots (4). \end{aligned}$$

Solving (3) and (4), we have

$$v \cos \theta = 5 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \dots \dots \dots (5),$$

and 
$$v' \cos \phi = 5\sqrt{3} \dots \dots \dots (6).$$

From (1) and (5), we have  $v = 5\sqrt{3}$ , and  $\theta = 60^\circ$ .

From (2) and (6), we have  $v' = \frac{5}{2}\sqrt{13}$ , and  $\tan \phi = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$ , so that, by the table of natural tangents,  $\phi = 16^\circ 6'$ .

**Ex. 2.** *Two smooth balls, one of mass double that of the other, are moving with equal velocities in opposite parallel directions and impinge, their directions of motion at the instant of impact making angles of  $30^\circ$  with the line of centres. If the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , find the velocities and directions of motion after the impact.*

Let the masses of the balls be  $2m$  and  $m$  and let the velocities after impact be  $v$  and  $v'$  respectively at angles  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  to the line of centres.

Since the velocities perpendicular to the line of centres are unaltered,

$$\therefore v \sin \theta = u \sin 30^\circ = \frac{u}{2} \dots \dots \dots (1),$$

and 
$$v' \sin \phi = u \sin 30^\circ = \frac{u}{2} \dots \dots \dots (2).$$

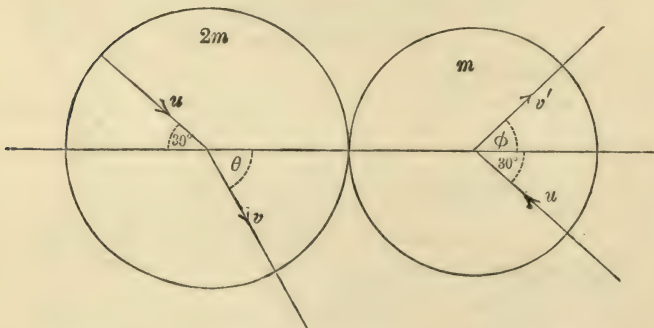
By Newton's Law,

$$v \cos \theta - v' \cos \phi = -e [u \cos 30^\circ - (-u \cos 30^\circ)] = -u \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \dots (3).$$

Since the momentum resolved parallel to the line of centres remains unaltered,

$$\therefore 2mv \cos \theta + mv' \cos \phi = 2mu \cos 30^\circ - mu \cos 30^\circ,$$

$$\therefore 2v \cos \theta + v' \cos \phi = u \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \dots \dots \dots (4).$$



Solving (3) and (4), we have  $v \cos \theta = 0$  and  $v' \cos \phi = u \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

From these equations and (1) and (2), we obtain

$$\theta = 90^\circ, v = \frac{u}{2}; \phi = 30^\circ, v' = u.$$

Hence after impact the larger ball starts off in a direction perpendicular to the line of centres with half its former velocity, and the smaller ball moves as if it were a perfectly elastic ball impinging on a fixed plane.

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1. A sphere, of mass 4 lbs. and moving with velocity 5 ft. per sec., overtakes a sphere of mass 3 lbs. and moving with velocity 4 ft. per sec.; if the impact be direct and the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , find the velocities of the spheres after impact.

2. A ball, of mass 10 lbs. and moving with velocity 6 ft. per sec., overtakes a sphere, of mass 8 lbs. and moving with velocity 3 ft. per sec.; if the impact be direct and the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{3}{4}$ , find the velocities of the spheres after impact.

3. A sphere, moving with velocity 12 ft. per sec., meets an equal sphere moving in the same line with a velocity of 6 ft. per sec. in the opposite direction; if the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , find their velocities after the impact.

4. If a ball overtake a ball of twice its own mass moving with one-seventh of its velocity, and if the coefficient of restitution between them be  $\frac{2}{3}$ , shew that the first ball will, after striking the second ball, remain at rest.

5. If the masses of two balls be as 2 : 1, and their respective velocities before impact be as 1 : 2 and in opposite directions, and  $e$  be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , shew that each ball will after direct impact move back with  $\frac{1}{3}$ ths of its original velocity.

6. A sphere impinges directly on an equal sphere at rest; if the coefficient of restitution be  $e$ , shew that their velocities after the impact are as  $1 - e : 1 + e$ .

7. A ball, of mass  $m$  and moving with velocity  $u$ , impinges on a ball, of mass  $em$  and moving with velocity  $eu$  in the opposite direction; if the impact be direct and  $e$  be the coefficient of restitution, shew that the velocity of the second ball after impact is the same as that of the first ball before impact.

8. A ball, of mass 2 lbs., impinges directly on a ball, of mass 1 lb., which is at rest; find the coefficient of restitution if the velocity with which the larger ball impinges be equal to the velocity of the smaller ball after impact.

9. A ball of mass  $m$  impinges directly upon a ball of mass  $m_1$  at rest; the velocity of  $m$  after impact is  $\frac{2}{3}$ ths of its velocity before impact and the coefficient of restitution is  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; compare (i) the masses of the two balls, and (ii) the velocities of  $m$  and  $m_1$  after impact.

10. Three spheres, whose masses are 2 lbs., 6 lbs., and 12 lbs. respectively, and whose velocities are 12, 4, and 2 feet per second respectively, are moving in a straight line in the above order. If the coefficient of restitution be unity, shew that the first two spheres will be brought to rest by the collisions which will take place.

11. A ball is let fall from a height of 64 feet, and at the same instant an equal ball is projected from the ground with a velocity of 128 feet per second to meet it in direct impact: if the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , find the times that elapse after the impact before the balls reach the ground.

12. An inelastic sphere impinges obliquely on a second sphere at rest, whose mass is twice its own, in a direction making an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the line joining the centres of the spheres; shew that its direction of motion is turned through an angle of  $30^\circ$ .

13. Two equal balls moving with equal speeds impinge, their directions being inclined at  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  to the line joining their centres at the instant of impact; if the coefficient of restitution be unity, shew that after impact they are moving in parallel directions inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the line of centres.



14. Two equal balls, moving with equal velocities, impinge; if their directions of motion before impact make angles of  $30^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  respectively with the line joining the centres at the instant of impact, and if the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{1}{3}$ , shew that after impact the balls are moving in parallel directions, and that the velocity of one is double that of the other.

15. Two equal perfectly elastic balls impinge; if their directions of motion before impact be at right angles, shew that their directions of motion after impact are at right angles also.

16. A sphere, moving with velocity  $u\sqrt{3}$ , impinges on an equal sphere, moving with velocity  $u$ , their directions of motion before impact making angles of  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  with the line of centres; shew that, if the coefficient of restitution be unity, their directions of motion after impact make angles of  $60^\circ$  and  $30^\circ$  respectively with the line of centres.

17. A sphere, of mass  $5m$  and moving with velocity  $13u$ , impinges on a sphere, of mass  $m$  and moving with velocity  $5u$ , their directions of motion being inclined at angles of  $\sin^{-1}\frac{4}{5}$  and  $\sin^{-1}\frac{3}{5}$  respectively to the line of centres; if the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{1}{3}$ , find their velocities and directions of motion after the impact.

**126. Action between two elastic bodies during their collision.** When two elastic bodies impinge, the time during which the impact lasts may be divided into two parts, during the first of which the bodies are compressing one another, and during the second of which they are recovering their shape. That the bodies are compressed may be shewn experimentally by dropping a billiard ball upon a floor which has been covered with fine coloured powder. At the spot where the ball hits the floor, the powder will be found to be removed not from a geometrical point only, but from a small circle; this shews that at some instant during the compression the part of the ball in contact with the floor was a circle; it follows that the ball was then deformed and afterwards recovered its shape.

The first portion of the impact lasts until the bodies are instantaneously moving with the same velocity; forces then come into play tending to make the bodies recover their shape. The mutual action between the bodies during

the first portion of the impact is often called "the force of compression," and that during the second portion "the force of restitution."

**127.** It is easy to shew that the ratio of the impulses of the forces of restitution and compression is equal to the quantity  $e$ , which we have defined as the coefficient of restitution.

Consider the case of one sphere impinging directly on another, as in Art. 122, and use the same notation.

Let  $U$  be the common velocity of the bodies at the instant when the compression is finished. Then

$m(u - U)$  is the loss of momentum by the first ball, and  $m'(U - u')$  is the gain by the second ball.

Hence, if  $I$  be the impulse of the force of compression, we have

$$I = m(u - U) = m'(U - u'),$$

$$\therefore \frac{I}{m} + \frac{I}{m'} = u - U + U - u' = u - u' \dots\dots(1).$$

Again, the loss of momentum by the first ball during the period of restitution is  $m(U - v)$ , and the gain by the second ball is  $m'(v' - U)$ .

Hence, if  $I'$  be the impulse of the force of restitution,

$$I' = m(U - v) = m'(v' - U),$$

$$\therefore \frac{I'}{m} + \frac{I'}{m'} = U - v + v' - U = v' - v \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

Hence, from (1) and (2),  $\frac{I'}{I} = \frac{v' - v}{u - u'} = e$ .

$$\therefore I' = eI.$$

### **\*\*128. Loss of Kinetic Energy by Impact.**

*Two spheres of given masses moving with given velocities impinge; to shew that there is a loss of kinetic energy and to find the amount.*

I. Let the collision be direct and the notation as in Art. 122.

Then we have

$$mv + m'v' = mu + m'u' \dots\dots\dots(1),$$

$$v - v' = -e(u - u') \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

To the square of (1) add the square of (2) multiplied by  $mm'$ ; we then have

$$\begin{aligned} & (m^2 + mm')v^2 + (m'^2 + mm')v'^2 \\ & = (mu + m'u')^2 + e^2mm'(u - u')^2, \\ \text{i.e.} \quad & (m + m')(mv^2 + m'v'^2) \\ & = (mu + m'u')^2 + mm'(u - u')^2 - (1 - e^2)mm'(u - u')^2 \\ & = (m + m')(mu^2 + m'u'^2) - (1 - e^2)mm'(u - u')^2. \\ \therefore \quad & \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}m'v'^2 = \frac{1}{2}mu^2 + \frac{1}{2}m'u'^2 - \frac{1 - e^2}{2} \frac{mm'}{m + m'}(u - u')^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the kinetic energy after impact = kinetic energy before impact -  $\frac{1 - e^2}{2} \frac{mm'}{m + m'}(u - u')^2$ .

Hence the loss of kinetic energy is

$$\frac{1 - e^2}{2} \frac{mm'}{m + m'}(u - u')^2,$$

and this loss does not vanish unless  $e = 1$ , that is, unless the balls are perfectly elastic.

II. Let the collision be oblique and the notation as in Art. 124.

As in I., we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \cos^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2}m'v'^2 \cos^2 \phi &= \frac{1}{2}mu^2 \cos^2 \alpha + \frac{1}{2}m'u'^2 \cos^2 \beta \\ &- \frac{1 - e^2}{2} \frac{mm'}{m + m'}(u \cos \alpha - u' \cos \beta)^2 \dots(3). \end{aligned}$$

Also, since  $v \sin \theta = u \sin \alpha$ , and  $v' \sin \phi = u' \sin \beta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}mv^2 \sin^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2}m'v'^2 \sin^2 \phi &= \frac{1}{2}mu^2 \sin^2 \alpha \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}m'u'^2 \sin^2 \beta \dots \dots \dots (4). \end{aligned}$$

Adding (3) and (4), we have

The kinetic energy after impact = kinetic energy before impact -  $\frac{1-e^2}{2} \frac{mm'}{m+m'} (u \cos \alpha - u' \cos \beta)^2$ .

Hence we see that in any impact, unless the coefficient of restitution be unity, some kinetic energy is lost.

This missing kinetic energy is converted into molecular energy and chiefly reappears in the shape of heat.

**129. Ex. 1.** *A particle falls from a height  $h$  upon a fixed horizontal plane; if  $e$  be the coefficient of restitution, shew that the whole distance described by the particle before it has finished rebounding is  $\frac{1+e^2}{1-e^2} h$ , and that the time that elapses is  $\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} \frac{1+e}{1-e}$ .*

Let  $u$  be the velocity of the particle when it first hits the plane, so that  $u^2 = 2gh$ .

By Art. 120, Cor. 1, the particle rebounds with velocity  $eu$ .

The velocity when it again hits the plane is  $eu$ , and the velocity after the second rebound is  $e^2u$ .

Similarly the velocity after the third, fourth, ... rebounds is  $e^3u$ ,  $e^4u$ , ...

The height to which the particle ascends after the first, second, ... rebounds are  $\frac{e^2u^2}{2g}$ ,  $\frac{(e^2u)^2}{2g}$ ,  $\frac{(e^3u)^2}{2g}$  ... i.e.,  $e^2h$ ,  $e^4h$ ,  $e^6h$ , ...

Hence the whole space described

$$\begin{aligned} &= h + 2(e^2h + e^4h + e^6h + \dots \text{ad inf.}) \\ &= h + 2h \frac{e^2}{1-e^2}, \end{aligned}$$

by summing the infinite geometric progression,

$$= h \frac{1+e^2}{1-e^2}.$$

Also the time of falling originally =  $\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$ .

The times of ascending after the impacts are the times in which the velocities  $eu$ ,  $e^2u$ ,  $e^3u$ , ... are destroyed by gravity.

Hence these times are  $\frac{eu}{g}$ ,  $\frac{e^2u}{g}$ ,  $\frac{e^3u}{g}$  ... i.e.,  $e \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$ ,  $e^2 \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}}$ , ...

Hence the whole time during which the particle is in motion

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} + 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} [e + e^2 + e^3 + \dots \text{ad inf.}]$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} \left[ 1 + 2 \frac{e}{1-e} \right] = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} \frac{1+e}{1-e}.$$

**Ex. 2.** From a point in a smooth horizontal plane a particle is projected with velocity  $u$  at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon; if the coefficient of restitution between the particle and the plane be  $e$ , shew that the distance described along the plane before the particle ceases to rebound

is  $\frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g} \frac{1}{1-e}$ .

The initial vertical velocity is  $u \sin \alpha$ .

The initial vertical velocities after the first, second, ... rebounds are, as in the last example,  $eu \sin \alpha$ ,  $e^2u \sin \alpha$ ,  $e^3u \sin \alpha$ , ...

Hence the time between the first and second rebounds is, as in Art. 105,  $2 \frac{eu \sin \alpha}{g}$ .

So the times in the other trajectories are  $2 \frac{e^2u \sin \alpha}{g}$ ,  $2 \frac{e^3u \sin \alpha}{g}$  ...

Hence the total time that elapses before the particle ceases to rebound

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g} + \frac{2eu \sin \alpha}{g} + \frac{2e^2u \sin \alpha}{g} \dots \text{ad inf.} \\ &= \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g} [1 + e + e^2 + \dots] = \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g} \frac{1}{1-e}. \end{aligned}$$

During this time the horizontal velocity, being unaltered by the impacts, is always  $u \cos \alpha$ .

Hence the horizontal distance described

$$= \frac{2u \sin \alpha}{g} \frac{1}{1-e} \times u \cos \alpha = \frac{u^2 \sin 2\alpha}{g(1-e)}.$$

After the particle has ceased to rebound, it moves along the plane with constant velocity  $u \cos \alpha$ .

## EXAMPLES. XXII.

1. An elastic particle is projected against a vertical wall so as to return after impact to the point from which it was projected. If the angle of projection be  $\alpha$ , and the direction of the path of the particle when it again reaches the point of projection make an angle  $\beta$  with the horizontal, shew that  $\tan \alpha = e \tan \beta$ , where  $e$  is the coefficient of restitution.



2. Shew that an elastic sphere let fall from a height of 16 feet above a fixed horizontal table will come to rest in 8 seconds, after describing 65 feet, supposing the coefficient of restitution to be  $\frac{7}{8}$ .

3. A ball falls from a height of 48 feet upon an elastic horizontal plane; if the coefficient of elasticity be  $\frac{1}{2}$ , find the total space described by the sphere before it finally comes to rest, and the time that elapses.

4. A particle is projected from a point in a horizontal plane with a velocity of 64 feet per second at an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the horizon; if the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{2}{3}$ , find the distance described by it horizontally before it ceases to rebound, and the time that elapses.

5. A ball falls vertically for 2 seconds and hits a plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizon; if the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{2}{3}$ , shew that the time that elapses before it again hits the plane is 3 seconds.

6. A perfectly elastic ball is dropped from the top of a tower of height  $h$ , and when it has fallen half-way to the ground it strikes a rigid projecting stone inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the horizon; find where it will reach the ground.

7. A ball, at rest on a smooth horizontal plane at the distance of one yard from a wall, is impinged on directly by another equal ball moving at right angles to the wall with a velocity of a yard per second. If the coefficients of restitution between the balls, and the balls and wall, be each  $\frac{1}{2}$ , shew that they will impinge a second time at the end of 2.4 seconds, the radii of the balls being of inconsiderable magnitude.

8. Two equal marbles,  $A$  and  $B$ , lie in a smooth horizontal circular groove at opposite ends of a diameter;  $A$  is projected along the groove and at the end of time  $t$  impinges on  $B$ ; shew that a second impact will occur at the end of time  $\frac{2t}{e}$ .

9. Two marbles, of equal diameter but of masses  $10m$  and  $11m$ , are projected from the same point with velocities, equal in magnitude but opposite in direction, along a circular groove; where will the second impact take place if the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{2}{3}$ ?

10. A sphere, of mass  $m$ , impinges obliquely on a sphere, of mass  $M$ , which is at rest. Shew that, if  $m = eM$ , the directions of motion of the spheres after impact are at right angles.

11. A sphere impinges on a sphere of equal mass which is at rest; if the directions of motion after impact be inclined at angles of  $30^\circ$  to the original direction of motion of the impinging sphere, shew that the coefficient of restitution is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

12. A ball impinges on another equal ball moving with the same speed in a direction perpendicular to its own, the line joining the centres of the balls at the instant of impact being perpendicular to the direction of motion of the second ball; if  $e$  be the coefficient of restitution, shew that the direction of motion of the second ball is turned through an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1+e}{2}$ .

13. Two equal smooth elastic spheres, moving in opposite parallel directions with equal speeds, impinge on one another; if the inclination of their directions of motion to the line of centres be  $\tan^{-1}\sqrt{e}$ , where  $e$  is the coefficient of restitution, shew that their directions of motion will be turned through a right angle.

14. Two equal balls are in contact on a table; a third equal ball strikes them simultaneously and remains at rest after the impact; shew that the coefficient of restitution is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

15. The masses of five balls at rest in a straight line form a geometrical progression whose ratio is 2, and their coefficients of restitution are each  $\frac{1}{2}$ . If the first ball be started towards the second with velocity  $u$ , shew that the velocity communicated to the fifth is  $(\frac{1}{2})^4 u$ .

16. A ball of given elasticity slides from rest down a smooth inclined plane, of length  $l$ , which is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon, and impinges on a fixed smooth horizontal plane at the foot of the former; find its range on the horizontal plane.

17. A heavy elastic ball falls from a height of  $n$  feet and meets a plane inclined at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the horizon; find the distance between the first two points at which it strikes the plane.

18. An inelastic ball, of small radius, sliding along a smooth horizontal plane with a velocity of 16 feet per second, impinges on a smooth horizontal rail at right angles to its direction of motion; if the height of the rail above the plane be one half the radius of the ball, shew that the latus rectum of the parabola subsequently described is one foot in length.

19. A particle is projected along a smooth horizontal plane from a given point  $A$  in it, so that after impinging on an imperfectly elastic vertical plane it may pass through another given point  $B$  of the horizontal plane; give a geometrical construction for the direction of projection.

20. A smooth circular table is surrounded by a smooth rim whose interior surface is vertical. Shew that a ball, whose coefficient of restitution is  $e$ , projected along the table from a point in the rim in a direction making an angle  $\tan^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{e^3}{1+e+e^2}}$  with the radius through the point, will return to the point of projection after two impacts on the rim. Prove also that when the ball returns to the point of projection its velocity is to its original velocity as  $e^{\frac{2}{3}} : 1$ .

If the angle that its direction of projection makes with the radius be  $\tan^{-1}e^{\frac{1}{3}}$ , shew that it will return to the point of projection after three rebounds.

21. Two elastic particles are projected simultaneously from a point in a smooth horizontal plane; shew that their centre of gravity will describe a number of arcs of the same parabola in different positions.

## CHAPTER IX.

### THE HODOGRAPH AND NORMAL ACCELERATIONS.

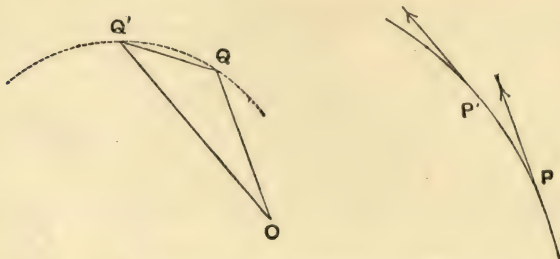
**130.** IN the following chapter we shall consider the motion of a particle which moves in a curve. It will be convenient, as a preliminary, to explain how the velocity, direction of motion, and acceleration of a particle moving in any manner may be mapped out by means of another curve.

**131. Hodograph. Def.** *If a particle be moving in any path whatever, and if from any point  $O$ , fixed in space, we draw a straight line  $OQ$  parallel and proportional to the velocity at any point  $P$  of the path, the curve traced out by the end  $Q$  of this straight line is called the hodograph of the path of the particle.*

**132. Theorem.** *If the hodograph of the path of a moving point  $P$  be drawn, then the velocity of the corresponding point  $Q$  in the hodograph represents, in magnitude and direction, the acceleration of the moving point  $P$  in its path.*

Let  $P$  and  $P'$  be two points on the path close to one another; draw  $OQ$  and  $OQ'$  parallel to the tangents at  $P$  and  $P'$  and proportional to the velocities there, so that  $Q$  and  $Q'$  are two points on the hodograph very close to one another.

Whilst the particle has moved from  $P$  to  $P'$  its velocity has changed from  $OQ$  to  $OQ'$ , and therefore, as in Art. 27, the change of velocity is represented by  $QQ'$ .



Now let  $P'$  be taken indefinitely close to  $P$ , so that  $QQ'$  becomes an indefinitely small portion of the arc of the hodograph.

If  $\tau$  be the time of describing the arc  $PP'$ , then, by Art. 28, the acceleration of  $P = \frac{\text{change of velocity in time } \tau}{\tau}$

$$= \frac{QQ'}{\tau} = \text{velocity of } Q \text{ in the hodograph.}$$

Hence the velocity of  $Q$  in the hodograph represents, in magnitude and direction, the acceleration of  $P$  in the path.

**133. Examples. 1.** The hodograph of a point describing a circle with uniform speed is another circle which the corresponding point describes with uniform speed. For, in this case, since the magnitude of the velocity of  $P$  is constant, the line  $OQ$  is constant in length, and therefore  $Q$  always lies on a circle whose centre is  $O$ . Also, since the point  $P$  describes its circle uniformly, the tangent at  $P$  turns through equal angles in equal times, and therefore the line  $OQ$  turns through equal angles in equal times.

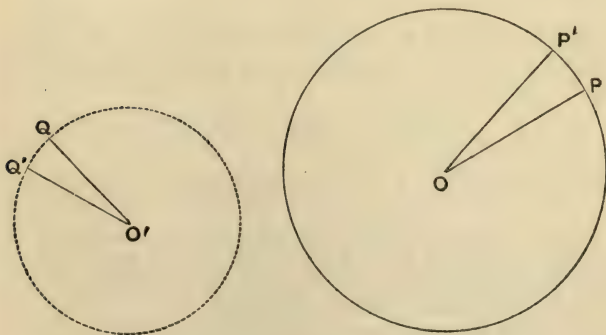
**2.** The hodograph of a point describing a straight line with constant acceleration is a straight line, which the corresponding point describes with constant velocity. For, in this case, the line  $OQ$  is always drawn in a fixed direction and the velocity of  $Q$ , being equal in magnitude to the constant acceleration of  $P$ , is also constant.

### Normal Acceleration.

**134.** We have learnt from the First Law of Motion that every particle, once in motion and acted on by no forces, continues to move in a straight line with uniform velocity. Hence it will not describe a curved line unless acted upon by some external force. If it describe a curve with uniform speed, there can be no force in the direction of the tangent to its path, or otherwise its speed would be altered, and so the only force acting on it is normal (that is, perpendicular) to its path. If its speed be not constant, there must in addition be a tangential force.

In the following articles we shall investigate the simple case of the normal acceleration of a particle moving in a circle with constant speed.

**135. Theorem.** *If a particle describe a circle of radius  $r$  with uniform speed  $v$ , to shew that its acceleration is  $\frac{v^2}{r}$  directed toward the centre of the circle.*



Let  $P$  and  $P'$  be two consecutive positions of the moving particle and  $Q$  and  $Q'$  the corresponding points on the hodo-



graph. Since the speed of  $P$  is constant, the line  $O'Q$  is of constant length, and therefore the point  $Q$  moves on a circle whose radius is  $v$ ; also the angle  $QO'Q'$  is equal to the angle between the tangents at  $P$  and  $P'$  and therefore is equal to the angle  $POP'$ .

Hence the arc  $QQ' : \text{the arc } PP' :: O'Q : OP :: v : r$ .

Also the velocities of  $Q$  and  $P$  are proportional to the arcs  $QQ'$  and  $PP'$ .

Hence the velocity of  $Q$  in the hodograph :  $v :: v : r$ .

$$\therefore \text{velocity of } Q = \frac{v^2}{r}.$$

But the point  $Q$  is moving in a direction perpendicular to  $O'Q$  and therefore parallel to  $PO$ ; also the acceleration of the point  $P$  is equal to the velocity of  $Q$  (Art. 132).

Hence the acceleration of  $P$  is  $\frac{v^2}{r}$  in the direction  $PO$ .

If the speed  $v$  be not constant but variable it can be shewn (*Elementary Dynamics*, Art. 157) that the normal acceleration is still  $\frac{v^2}{r}$ .

**Cor. 1.** If  $\omega$  be the angular velocity of the particle about the centre  $O$ , we have  $v = r\omega$ , and the normal acceleration is therefore  $\omega^2 r$ .

**Cor. 2.** The force required to produce the normal acceleration is  $m \frac{v^2}{r}$ , where  $m$  is the mass of the particle.

**136.** Without the use of the hodograph, a proof of the very important theorem of the last article can be given as follows.

Let  $P'$  be a point on the circle very close to  $P$ . Draw the tangent  $P'T$  at  $P'$  to meet the tangent,  $Px$ , at  $P$  in  $T$ .

Join  $P$  and  $P'$  to the centre,  $O$ , of the circle.

Since the angles at  $P$  and  $P'$  are right angles, a circle will go through the points  $O$ ,  $P$ ,  $T$  and  $P'$ , and hence  $\angle P'Tx$

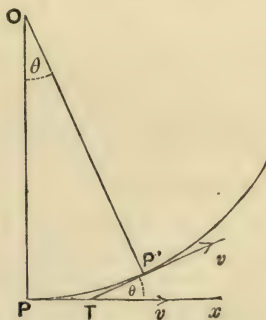
$$= \text{supplement of } P'TP = POP' = \theta.$$

Let  $v$  be the speed in the circle, and let  $\tau$  be the time of describing the arc  $PP'$ .

In time  $\tau$  a velocity parallel to  $PO$  has been generated equal to  $v \sin \theta$ .

Hence the acceleration in the direction  $PO = \frac{v \sin \theta}{\tau}$  (when  $\tau$ , and therefore  $\theta$ , is taken very small)

$$= \frac{v \cdot \theta}{\tau} = \frac{v}{\tau} \cdot \frac{\text{arc } PP'}{OP} = \frac{v}{r} \cdot \frac{\text{arc } PP'}{\tau}.$$



But, since  $v$  is the speed in the circle, therefore  $\frac{\text{arc } PP'}{\tau} = v$ .

Hence the required acceleration  $= \frac{v^2}{r}$ .

As in Art. 135, Cor. 1, this acceleration is equal to  $r\omega^2$ , where  $\omega$  is the angular velocity.

Also the force towards the centre must be  $m \frac{v^2}{r}$ .

**137.** The force spoken of in the preceding articles, which is required to cause the normal acceleration of a body, may be produced in many ways.

For example, the body may be tethered by a string, extensible or inextensible, to a fixed point.

Again, the force may be caused by the pressure of a material curve by means of which the body is constrained to move in a curve; for example, a train may be made to

describe the curved portion of a railway line by means of the pressure of the rails on the flanges of its wheels.

The force may also be of the nature of an attraction such as exists between the sun and earth, and which compels the earth to describe a curve about the sun.

**138.** When a man whirls in a circle a mass tied to one end of a string, the other end of which is in his hand, the tension of the string exerts the necessary force on the body to give it the required normal acceleration. But, by the third law of motion, the string exerts upon the man's hand a force equal and opposite to that which it exerts upon the particle; these two forces form the action and reaction of which Newton speaks. It *appears* to the man that the mass is trying to get away from his hand. For this reason a force, equal and opposite to the force necessary to give the particle its normal acceleration, has been called "its centrifugal force." This is however a very misleading term; it seems to imply that the force *belongs* to the mass instead of being an external force acting on the mass. A somewhat less misleading term is "centripetal force." We shall avoid the use of either expression; the student who meets with them in the course of his reading will understand that either means "the force which must act on the mass to give it the acceleration normal to the curve in which it moves."

**139. Ex. 1.** *A particle, of mass 3 lbs., moves on a smooth table with a velocity of 4 feet per second, being attached to a fixed point on the table by a string of length 5 feet; find the tension of the string.*

Here  $v=4$ , and  $r=5$ .

Therefore, by Art. 135, the acceleration toward the fixed point is

$$\frac{v^2}{r}, \text{ i.e., } \frac{16}{5}.$$

Hence the tension of the string

$$= 3 \times \frac{16}{5} = \frac{48}{5} \text{ poundals} = \text{wt. of } \frac{48}{5 \times 32}, \text{ i.e., } \frac{3}{10}, \text{ of a pound.}$$

**Ex. 2.** A particle, of mass  $m$ , moves on a horizontal table and is connected by a string, of length  $l$ , with a fixed point on the table; if the greatest weight that the string can support be that of a mass of  $M$  pounds, find the greatest number of revolutions per second that the particle can make without breaking the string.

Let  $n$  be the required number of revolutions, so that the velocity of the mass is  $n \cdot 2\pi l$ .

Therefore the tension of the string  $= m \cdot \frac{4\pi^2 n^2 l^2}{l}$  poundals.

$$\text{Hence } Mg = 4m\pi^2 n^2 l, \text{ so that } n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{Mg}{ml} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

If the number of revolutions were greater than this number, the tension of the string would be greater than the string could exert, and it would break.

### EXAMPLES. XXIII.

1. A string is 3 feet long, and has one end attached to a fixed point on a smooth horizontal table; if a mass of 5 lbs. tied at the other end of the string describe uniformly a horizontal circle with speed 6 feet per second, find the tension of the string.

2. A string is 4 feet long and can just support a weight of 9 lbs.; a mass of 8 lbs. is tied at its end and revolves uniformly on a horizontal table, the other end of the string being attached to a fixed point on the table; find the greatest number of revolutions per minute that can be made by the string without its breaking.

3. A string, 5 feet long, can just sustain a weight of 20 lbs.; if the revolving mass be 5 lbs., determine the greatest number of complete revolutions that can be made in one minute by the string without its breaking.

4. A string,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet long, has a mass of one pound attached to one end and the other end is attached to a fixed point; if the mass be whirled round in a horizontal circle, whose centre is the fixed point, and if the resulting tension of the string be equal to the weight of 5 pounds, shew that the string is making about 76 revolutions per minute.

5. The tension of a string, one end of which is fixed and to the other end of which is attached a mass which revolves uniformly, is 9 times the weight of the revolving mass; find the velocity of the mass if the length of the string be 2 feet.

6. With what number of turns per minute must a mass of 10 grammes revolve horizontally at the end of a string, half a metre in length, to cause the same tension in the string as would be caused by a mass of one gramme hanging vertically?

7. A locomotive engine, of mass 10 tons, moves on a curve, of radius 600 feet, with a velocity of 30 miles per hour; what force tending toward the centre of the curve must be exerted by the rails so that this may be the case?

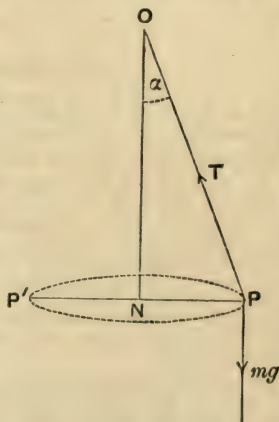
8. If, in the previous question, the mass of the engine be 12 tons, its velocity 60 miles per hour, and the radius of the curve 400 yards, what is the required force?

**140. The Conical Pendulum.** If a particle be tied by a string to a fixed point  $O$ , and move so that it describes a circle in a horizontal plane, the string describing a cone whose axis is the vertical line through  $O$ , then the string and particle together are called a conical pendulum.

When the motion is uniform, the relations between the velocity of the particle and the length and inclination of the string are easily found.

Let  $P$  be the particle tied by a string  $OP$ , of length  $l$ , to a fixed point  $O$ . Draw  $PN$  perpendicular to the vertical through  $O$ . Then  $P$  describes a horizontal circle with  $N$  as centre [*dotted in the figure*].

Let  $T$  be the tension of the string,  $\alpha$  its inclination to the vertical, and  $v$  the velocity of the particle.



By Art. 135, the acceleration of  $P$  in the direction  $PN$  is  $\frac{v^2}{PN}$ , and hence the force in that direction must be

$$m \frac{v^2}{l \sin \alpha}.$$

Now the only forces acting on the particle are the tension,  $T$ , of the string and the weight,  $mg$ , of the particle.



Since the particle has no acceleration in a vertical direction, the forces acting upon it in that direction must balance, and hence we have

$$T \cos \alpha = mg \dots\dots\dots(1).$$

Also  $T \sin \alpha$  is the only force in the direction  $PN$ , and

hence 
$$T \sin \alpha = \frac{mv^2}{l \sin \alpha} \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

From (1) and (2), we have 
$$\frac{v^2}{l \sin^2 \alpha} = \frac{g}{\cos \alpha}.$$

If the particle make  $n$  revolutions per second, then

$$v = n \cdot 2\pi PN = 2\pi n l \sin \alpha.$$

$$\therefore 4\pi^2 n^2 l = \frac{g}{\cos \alpha}, \text{ that is, } \cos \alpha = \frac{g}{4\pi^2 n^2 l} \dots\dots(3).$$

Hence, by (1), 
$$T = 4m\pi^2 n^2 l \text{ poundals} \dots\dots\dots(4).$$

Hence the tension of the string : weight of the particle  
$$\therefore 4\pi^2 n^2 l : g.$$

The equations (3) and (4) give  $\alpha$  and  $T$ .

The time of revolution of the particle

$$= \frac{2\pi l \sin \alpha}{v} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l \cos \alpha}{g}} = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{ON}{g}},$$

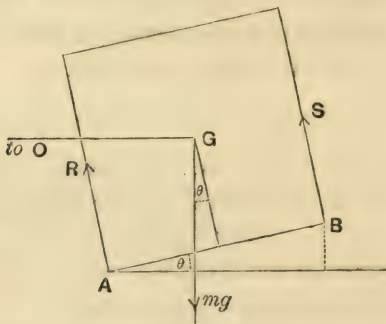
and therefore varies as the square root of the depth of the particle below the fixed point.

Hence it follows that, for a governor of a steam engine rotating 60 times per minute, the height is about 9.78 inches; for one making 100 revolutions per minute the height is 3.52 inches; this latter height is too small for practical purposes except for extremely small engines.

**141. Motion of bicycle rider on a circular path.** When a man is riding a bicycle on a curved path he always inclines his body inwards towards the centre of his path. By this means the reaction of the ground becomes inclined to the vertical. The vertical component of this reaction balances his weight, and the horizontal component tends towards the centre of the path described by the centre of inertia of the man and his machine, and supplies the necessary normal acceleration.

**142. Motion of a railway carriage on a curved portion of the railway line.** When the rails are level, the force to give the carriage the necessary acceleration toward the centre of curvature of its path is given by the action of the rails on the flanges of the wheels with which the rails are in contact. In order, however, to avoid the large amount of friction that would be brought into play, and the consequent wearing away of the rails, the outer rail is generally raised so that the floor of the train is not horizontal. The necessary inclination of the floor, in order that there may be no action on the flanges, may be easily found as follows.

Let  $v$  be the velocity of the train, and  $r$  the radius of the circle described by its centre of inertia  $G$ .



Let the figure represent a section of the carriage in the vertical plane through the line joining its centre of inertia to the centre,  $O$ , of the circle which it is describing, and let the section meet the rails in the points  $A$  and  $B$ .

[The wheels are omitted for the convenience of the figure.]

Let  $R$  and  $S$  be the reactions of the rails perpendicular to the floor  $AB$ , and let  $\theta$  be the inclination of the floor to the horizon.

The resolved part,  $(R + S) \sin \theta$ , of the reactions in the direction  $GO$  supplies the force necessary to cause the acceleration towards the centre of the curve.

$$\therefore (R + S) \sin \theta = m \frac{v^2}{r} \dots\dots\dots(1).$$

Also the vertical components of the reactions balance the weight.

$$\therefore (R + S) \cos \theta = mg \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

From (1) and (2),  $\tan \theta = \frac{v^2}{rg}$ , giving the inclination of the floor.

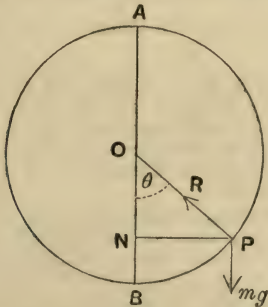
If the width  $AB$  be given, we can now easily determine the height of the outer rail above the inner; for it is equal to  $AB \sin \theta$ .

It will be noted that the height through which the outer rail must be raised in order that there may be no pressure on the flanges depends on the velocity of the train. In practice the height is adjusted so that there is no pressure for trains moving with moderate velocities. For trains moving with higher velocities, the pressure of the rails on the flanges supplies the additional force required.

**143. Rotating sphere.** *A smooth hollow sphere is rotating with uniform angular velocity  $\omega$  about a vertical diameter; to shew that a heavy particle placed inside, and rotating with it, will only remain resting against the side of the sphere at one particular level, and that, if the angular velocity fall short of a certain limit, the particle will only rest at the lowest point of the sphere.*

Let  $AB$  be the axis of rotation of the sphere,  $A$  being the highest point, and let  $O$  be the centre; let  $P$  be the position of the particle when in relative equilibrium and  $PN$  the perpendicular on  $AB$ .

Now  $P$  describes a circle about  $N$  as centre with angular velocity  $\omega$ , and therefore the force towards  $N$  must be  $m\omega^2 \cdot PN$ , or  $m\omega^2 a \sin \theta$ , where  $a$  is the radius of the sphere and  $\theta$  the angle  $POB$ .



The horizontal component of the normal reaction,  $R$ , at  $P$  supplies this horizontal force, and the vertical component balances the weight of the particle.

Hence

$$R \sin \theta = m\omega^2 a \sin \theta \dots\dots\dots(1),$$

and

$$R \cos \theta = mg \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

From equation (1) we have, either  $\sin \theta = 0$ , or  $R = m\omega^2 a$ .

Substituting for  $R$  in (2), we have

$$\cos \theta = \frac{g}{\omega^2 a} \dots\dots\dots(3).$$

Hence the particle is either at the lowest point, or at a point determined by equation (3).

The value of  $\theta$  given by (3) is impossible unless  $g < \omega^2 a$ , *i.e.*, unless the angular velocity  $\omega$  is greater than  $\left(\frac{g}{a}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . If the angular velocity be less than this quantity, the only position of relative rest of the particle is at the lowest point of the sphere.

### EXAMPLES. XXIV.

1. A mass of 4 pounds is tied at the end of a string, of length 3 feet, and revolves as a conical pendulum, the string being always inclined to the vertical at an angle of  $45^\circ$ ; find the tension of the string and the velocity of the particle.

2. Shew that the inclination to the vertical of the string of a conical pendulum, when the string is 20 inches long and the pendulum revolves 200 times per minute, is

$$\cos^{-1} \frac{54}{125\pi^2}, \text{ i.e., about } 87^\circ 30'.$$

3. A string, of length four feet, and having one end attached to a fixed point and the other to a mass of 40 pounds, revolves, as a conical pendulum, 30 times per minute; shew that the tension of the string is  $160\pi^2$  poundals, and that its inclination to the vertical is  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{8}{\pi^2}\right)$ , *i.e.*, about  $35^\circ 51'$ .

4. A heavy particle which is suspended from a fixed point by a string, one yard long, is raised until the string, which is kept tight, makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the vertical, and is then projected horizontally in the direction perpendicular to the vertical plane through the string; find the velocity of projection so that the particle may move in a horizontal plane.

5. A railway carriage, of mass 2 tons, is moving at the rate of 60 miles per hour on a curve of 770 feet radius; if the outer rail be not raised above the inner, shew that the lateral pressure on the rails is equal to the weight of about 1408 pounds.

6. A train is travelling at the rate of 40 miles per hour on a curve, the radius of which is a quarter of a mile. If the distance between the rails be five feet, find how much the outer rail must be raised above the inner, so that there may be no lateral pressure on the rails.

7. A train is travelling at the rate of 30 miles per hour on a curve the radius of which is 400 yards. If the distance between the rails be five feet, find how much the outer rail must be raised above the inner so that there may be no lateral pressure on the rails.

8. A railway carriage, without flanges to its wheels, moves on a circular curve; find to what height the outer rail must be raised above the inner if the radius of the curve be 1320 feet, the breadth between the rails 5 feet, and the carriage have a velocity of 45 miles per hour.



9. A mass is hung from the roof of a railway carriage by means of a string, six feet long; shew that, when the train is moving on a curve of radius 100 yards at the rate of 30 miles per hour, the mass will move from the vertical through a distance of 1 foot  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches approximately.

10. A bowl, 3 inches deep, is made from a spherical surface whose radius is 6 inches and is made to rotate about its vertical axis. Find the greatest number of revolutions which it can make in a minute, if a particle can rest on its surface without being thrown out.

11. If  $2\theta$  be the vertical angle of a smooth hollow cone, whose axis is vertical and vertex downwards, shew that the distance from its axis of a body, moving in a circle on its surface and making  $n$  revolutions per second, is

$$\frac{g \cot \theta}{4\pi^2 n^2}.$$

12. The sails of a windmill are about 29 feet long, and revolve 10 times per minute; shew that a mass attached to the outer end of one of these sails and under the influence of gravity will, at the highest point of its course, experience no reaction from the sail.

13. A heavy particle is connected by an inextensible string, 3 feet long, to a fixed point, and describes a circle in a vertical plane passing through the fixed point, making 600 revolutions per minute; neglecting the small variations in the speed of the particle, find the ratios of the tensions of the string in its two vertical positions and in its horizontal position.

14. Two particles, of the same mass, are fastened respectively to the middle point and one extremity of a weightless string, and are laid upon a smooth table, the other end of the string being fastened to a point in the table.

If the string be pulled tight, and the particles be so projected that they always remain in a straight line, shew that the tensions in the two portions of the string are as  $3 : 2$ .

15. A train, moving in a straight line with velocity  $v$ , comes to a curve of radius  $r$ ; shew that the mean slope of the surface of the water in a fixed tumbler carried by the train, or the mean deflection of a plummet attached by a short cord, will be

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{v^2}{gr}.$$

16. A particle, of mass  $m$ , is fastened by a string, of length  $l$ , to a point at a distance  $b$  above a smooth table; if the particle be made to revolve on the table  $n$  times per second, find the pressure on the table. What is the greatest value of  $n$ , so that the particle may remain in contact with the table?

17. A wet open umbrella is held with its handle upright and made to rotate about it at the rate of 14 revolutions in 33 seconds. If the rim of the umbrella be a circle of one yard in diameter, and its



height above the ground be four feet, shew that the drops shaken off from the rim meet the ground in a circle of about five feet in diameter. If the mass of a drop be  $\cdot 01$  of an ounce, shew that the force necessary to keep it attached to the umbrella is about  $\cdot 021$  of a poundal and is inclined at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$  to the vertical.

18. A particle, of mass  $m$ , on a smooth table is fastened to one end of a fine string which passes through a small hole in the table and supports at its other end a particle of mass  $2m$ , the particle  $m$  being held at a distance  $c$  from the hole. Find the velocity with which  $m$  must be projected, so that it may describe a circle of radius  $c$ .

19. Two masses,  $m$  and  $m'$ , are placed on a smooth table and connected by a light string passing through a small ring fixed to the table. If they be projected with velocities  $v$  and  $v'$  respectively at right angles to the portions of the string, which is initially tight, find the ratio in which the string must be divided at the ring, so that both particles may describe circles about the ring as centre.

20. Two masses,  $m$  and  $m'$ , are connected by a string, of length  $c$ , which passes through a small ring; find how many revolutions per second the smaller mass,  $m'$ , must make, as a conical pendulum, in order that the greater mass may hang at rest at a distance  $a$  from the ring.

21. A string, passing through a small hole in a smooth horizontal table, has a small sphere, of mass  $m$ , attached to each end of it; the upper sphere revolves in a circle on the table when suddenly it strikes an obstacle and loses half its velocity; find what diminution must be made in the mass of the lower sphere, so that the upper one may continue rotating in a circle.

22. A string  $PAQ$  passes through a hole  $A$  in a smooth table, the portion  $AP$  lying on the table, and  $AQ$  being at an angle of  $45^\circ$  to the vertical, and below the table, so that  $P$  and  $Q$  are in the same vertical line. If masses be attached at  $P$  and  $Q$  and, the strings being stretched, be each projected horizontally, find the ratio of the masses, so that the plane  $PAQ$  may always be vertical and the angle  $PAQ$  always  $45^\circ$ . If the string be four feet in length, find the time of revolution.

23. A body, of mass  $m$ , moves on a horizontal table being attached to a fixed point on the table by an extensible string whose modulus of elasticity is  $\lambda$ ; given the original length  $a$  of the string, find the velocity of the particle when it is describing a circle of radius  $r$ .

24. A particle is attached to a point  $A$  by an elastic string, whose modulus of elasticity is twice the weight of the particle and whose natural length is  $l$ , and whirled so that the string describes the surface of a cone whose axis is the vertical line through  $A$ . If the distance below  $A$  of the circular path during steady motion be  $l$ , shew that the velocity of the particle must be  $\sqrt{3gl}$ .

## CHAPTER X.

### MOTION ON A SMOOTH CURVE UNDER THE ACTION OF GRAVITY.

**144.** THE general case of the motion of a particle, constrained to move on a given curve under any given forces, is beyond the scope of the present book; so also is the motion of a particle constrained to move under gravity on a given curve.

There is one proposition, however, relating to the motion of a particle under gravity which we can prove in an elementary manner, and which is very useful for determining many of the circumstances of the motion.

**145. Theorem.** *If a particle slide down an arc of any smooth curve in a vertical plane, and if  $u$  be its initial velocity and  $v$  its velocity after sliding through a vertical distance  $h$ , to shew that  $v^2 = u^2 + 2gh$ .*

Let  $A$  be the point of the curve from which the particle starts, and  $B$  the point whose distance from  $A$ , measured vertically, is  $h$ . Draw  $AM$  and  $BN$  horizontal to meet any vertical line in  $M$  and  $N$ .

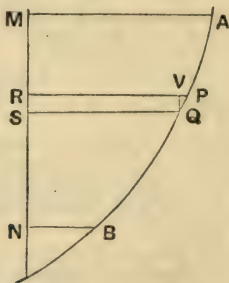
Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two points on the curve, very close to one another, and draw  $PR$  and  $QS$  perpendicular to  $MN$ . Then  $PQ$  is very approximately a small portion of a straight line. Draw  $QV$  vertical to meet  $PR$  in  $V$ .

The acceleration at  $P$  along  $PQ$  is  $g \cos VQP$  and hence, if  $v_P$  and  $v_Q$  be the velocities at  $P$  and  $Q$ , we have

$$v_Q^2 = v_P^2 + 2g \cos VQP \cdot PQ = v_P^2 + 2g \cdot VQ.$$

$$\therefore v_Q^2 - v_P^2 = 2g \cdot VQ,$$

i.e. the change in the square of the velocity is due to the vertical height between  $P$  and  $Q$ . Since this is true for every element of arc, it is true for the whole arc  $AB$ .



Hence the change in the square of the velocity in passing from  $A$  to  $B$  is that due to the vertical height  $h$ , so that  $v^2 = u^2 + 2gh$ .

**146.** The theorem in the preceding article may be deduced directly from the Principle of the Conservation of Energy.

For, since the curve is smooth, the reaction of the arc is always perpendicular to the direction of motion of the particle. Hence, by *Statics*, Art. 196, no work is done on the body by the pressure of the curve. The only force that does work is the weight of the particle.

Hence, since the change of energy is equal to the work done, we have

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 - \frac{1}{2}mu^2 = \text{work done by the weight} = mgh.$$

$$\therefore v^2 = u^2 + 2gh.$$

**147.** If, instead of sliding *down* the smooth curve, the particle be started along it with velocity  $u$ , so that it moves *upwards*, the velocity  $v$  when its vertical distance from the starting point is  $h$  is, similarly, given by the equation

$$v^2 = u^2 - 2gh.$$

Hence the velocity of the particle will not vanish until it arrives at a point of the curve whose vertical height above the point of projection is  $\frac{u^2}{2g}$ .

It will be noticed that the height to which the particle will ascend is independent of the *shape* of the constraining curve, nor need it continually ascend. The particle may first ascend, then descend, then ascend again, and so on; the point at which it comes to rest finally will be at a height  $\frac{u^2}{2g}$  above the point at which its velocity is  $u$ .

It follows that, if a particle slide from rest upon a smooth arc, it will come to rest when it is at the same vertical height as the starting point. An approximate example is the Switch-back railway in which the car almost rises to the same height as that of the point at which it started. The slight difference between theory and experiment is caused by the resistance of the air and the friction of the rails which, although small, are not quite negligible.

The expression for the velocity when the particle is at a vertical distance  $h$  from the starting point is the same, whether the particle be at that instant ascending or descending.

**148.** The theorem is true, not only of motion under gravity, but also in any case of the motion of a particle on a smooth curve under the action of a constant force in a constant direction, *e.g.* in the case of motion on a smooth inclined plane, if we substitute for " $g$ " the acceleration caused by the forces.

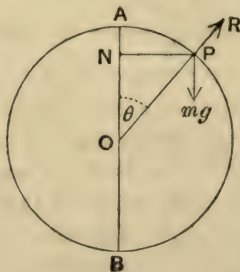
It is also true if we substitute for the constraining curve an inextensible string fastened to a fixed point, or a weightless rod which is always normal to the path of the particle.

We cannot, in general, find the *time* of describing any given arc without the use of the Differential Calculus.

### 149. Motion on the outside of a vertical circle.

*A particle slides from rest at the highest point down the outside of the arc of a smooth vertical circle; to shew that it will leave the curve when it has described vertically a distance equal to one third of the radius.*

Let  $O$  be the centre, and  $A$  the highest point of the circle. Let  $v$  be the velocity of the particle when at a point  $P$  of the curve,  $R$  the pressure of the curve there, and  $r$  the radius of the circle. Draw  $PN$  perpendicular to the vertical radius  $OA$ , and let  $AN = h$ .



Then  $v^2 = 2g \cdot AN = 2gh$ .

The force along  $PO$  is

$$mg \cos \theta - R,$$

where  $\theta$  is the angle  $POA$ .

But the force along  $PO$  must, by Art. 135, be  $m \cdot \frac{v^2}{r}$ .

$$\therefore m \frac{v^2}{r} = mg \cos \theta - R,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore R &= m \left[ g \cos \theta - \frac{v^2}{r} \right] = m \left[ g \frac{r-h}{r} - \frac{2gh}{r} \right] \\ &= mg \frac{r-3h}{r}. \end{aligned}$$

Now  $R$  vanishes, and changes its sign, when  $3h = r$ , i.e., when  $h = \frac{r}{3}$ . The particle will then leave the curve, and describe a parabola freely; for, to make it continue on the circle, the pressure  $R$  would have to become a tension; but this is impossible since the curve cannot *pull* the particle.



**150. Motion in a vertical circle.** *A particle, of mass  $m$ , is suspended by a string, of length  $r$ , from a fixed point and hangs vertically. It is then projected, with velocity  $u$ , so that it describes a vertical circle; to find the tension and velocity at any point of the subsequent motion, and to find also the condition that it may just make complete revolutions.*

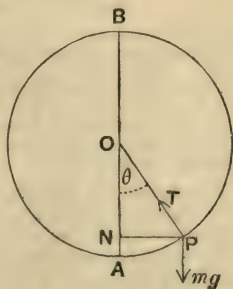
Let  $O$  be the point to which the string is attached, and  $OA$  the vertical line through  $O$ .

Let  $v$  be the velocity of the particle at any point  $P$  of its path, and  $T$  the tension of the string there.

Let  $PN$  be drawn perpendicular to  $OA$ , let  $AN = h$ , and let the angle  $POA$  be  $\theta$ .

Then, by Art. 145,

$$v^2 = u^2 - 2gh \dots\dots (1).$$



Also, by Art. 135,  $m \frac{v^2}{r} =$  force at  $P$  along the normal,

$PO$ , to the path of the particle.

$$\therefore m \frac{v^2}{r} = T - mg \cos \theta = T - mg \frac{r-h}{r},$$

$$\therefore T = m \frac{v^2 + g(r-h)}{r} = m \frac{u^2 + g(r-3h)}{r} \dots\dots (2).$$

These two equations give the velocity of the particle, and the tension of the string, at any point of the path.

The particle will not reach the highest point  $B$  if the tension of the string become negative; for then, in order that the particle might continue revolving in a circle, the pull of the string would have to change into a push, and this is impossible in the case of a string.

Hence the particle will *just* make complete revolutions if the tension vanish at the highest point, where  $h = 2r$ .

This, from (2), is the case if

$$u^2 + g(r - 6r) = 0,$$

i.e., if

$$u^2 = 5gr.$$

Hence, for complete revolutions,  $u$  must not be less than  $\sqrt{5gr}$ .

When  $u = \sqrt{5gr}$ , the tension at the lowest point, by (2),

$$= m \frac{5gr + rg}{r} = 6mg \text{ poundals.}$$

Hence the string must, at the least, be able to bear a weight equal to six times the weight of the body.

**\*151. Newton's Experimental Law.** By using the theorem of Art. 145, we can shew how Newton arrived at his law of impact as enunciated in Art. 117.

We suspend two spheres, of small dimensions, by parallel strings, whose lengths are so adjusted that when hanging freely the spheres are just in contact with their centres in a horizontal line.

One ball,  $A$ , is then drawn back, the string being kept tight, until its centre is at a height  $h$  above its original position and is then allowed to fall. Its velocity  $v$  on hitting the second ball  $B$  is  $\sqrt{2gh}$ .

Let  $v'$  and  $v''$  be the velocities of the spheres immediately after the impact, and  $h'$  and  $h''$  the heights to which they rise before again coming to rest, so that

$$v' = \sqrt{2gh'}, \text{ and } v'' = \sqrt{2gh''}.$$

The sphere  $A$  may either rebound, remain at rest, or follow after  $B$ .

Taking the former case the relative velocity after impact is

$$-(v' + v''), \text{ i.e., } -\sqrt{2g}(\sqrt{h'} + \sqrt{h''}).$$

Also the relative velocity before impact was  $\sqrt{2g} \cdot \sqrt{h}$ .

We should find that the ratio of  $(\sqrt{h'} + \sqrt{h''})$  to  $\sqrt{h}$  would be the same whatever be the value of  $h$  and the ratio of the mass of  $A$  to that of  $B$ , and that it would depend simply on the substances of which the masses consist.

We have only considered one of the simpler cases. By carefully arranging the starting points and the instants of starting from rest, both spheres might be drawn aside and allowed to impinge so that at the instant of impact both were at the lowest points of their path. The law enunciated by Newton would be found to be true in all cases.

## EXAMPLES. XXV.

1. A particle, of mass 5 lbs., hangs at the end of a string, 3 feet long, the other end of which is attached to a fixed point; if it be projected horizontally with a velocity of 25 feet per second, find the velocity of the particle and the tension of the string, when the latter is (1) horizontal, and (2) vertically upwards.

2. In the previous question, find the least velocity of projection that the particle may be able to make complete revolutions, and the least weight that the string must be able to bear.

3. A body, of mass  $m$ , is attached to a fixed point  $O$  by a string of length 3 feet; it is held with the string horizontal and then let fall; find its velocity when the string becomes vertical, and also the tension of the string then.

4. A smooth hoop, of diameter 9 feet, is placed in a vertical plane, and a bead slides on the hoop starting from rest at the highest point of the hoop; find its velocity,

(1) at the lowest point,

(2) at the end of a horizontal diameter,

(3) when it has described one-third of the vertical distance to the lowest point,

(4) when it has described one-third of the arcual distance to the lowest point.

5. A heavy particle is attached by a string, 10 feet long, to a fixed point, and swung round in a vertical circle. Find the tension and velocity at the lowest point of the circle, so that the particle may just make complete revolutions.

6. A cannon, of mass 12 cwt., rests horizontally, being supported by two vertical ropes, each of length 9 feet, and projects a ball of mass 36 lbs.; if the cannon be raised through 2.25 feet by the recoil, find the initial velocity of the ball, and the tension of the ropes at the instant of discharge and at the instant when the cannon first comes to rest.

7. A small heavy ring can slide upon a cord, 34 feet long, which has its ends attached to two fixed points,  $A$  and  $B$ , in the same horizontal line and 30 feet apart. The ring starts—the string being tight—from a point of the string distant 5 feet from  $A$ ; shew that, when it has described a length of the cord equal to 3 feet, its velocity will be 10.12 feet per second nearly.

8. A particle slides down the arc of a vertical circle; shew that its velocity at the lowest point varies as the chord of the arc of descent.

9. A particle runs down the outside of a smooth vertical circle, starting from rest at its highest point; find the latus rectum of the parabola which it describes after leaving the surface.

10. A ball, of mass  $m$ , is just disturbed from the top of a smooth vertical circular tube, and runs down the interior of the tube impinging on a ball, of mass  $2m$ , which is at rest at the bottom of the tube; if the coefficient of restitution be  $\frac{1}{3}$ , find the height to which each ball will rise in the tube after the impact.

11. Two equal ivory balls are suspended by parallel threads, so that they are in contact, and so that the line joining their centres is horizontal, and two feet below the points of attachment of the threads. Determine the coefficient of restitution between the balls when it is found that, by allowing one ball to start from a position when its thread is inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the vertical, it causes the other ball after impact to rise through a vertical distance of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

12. A circular arc, subtending  $30^\circ$  at its centre, is fixed in a vertical plane so that its highest point is in the same horizontal plane with its centre, and a smooth particle slides down this curve starting from rest at its highest point. Shew that the latus rectum of the parabola, which it describes after leaving the curve, is half the radius of the circular arc.

13. A weightless inextensible string, of length  $2l$ , is fastened at its extremities to two points  $A$  and  $B$  in the same horizontal line, at a distance  $l$  apart, and supports a body  $C$ , of mass  $m$ , tied to its middle point. If  $C$  be projected perpendicular to the plane  $ACB$  with double the velocity requisite for it to describe a complete circle, find the greatest and least tension of the strings.

If one portion of the string be cut when  $C$  is halfway between its highest and lowest points, find the subsequent motion.

14. A smooth tube, in the form of 7 sides of a regular octagon each of whose sides is  $a$ , is placed so that one extreme side is lowest and horizontal and the other extreme side is vertical; an inelastic particle is just placed inside and connected by a string passing through the tube with an equal particle hanging vertically; find the velocity of the particles when the first leaves the tube.

15. Shew that the effect of the rotation of the earth is to lessen the apparent weight of a body at the equator by  $\frac{1}{289}$  of itself, the earth being assumed to be a sphere of radius 4000 miles.

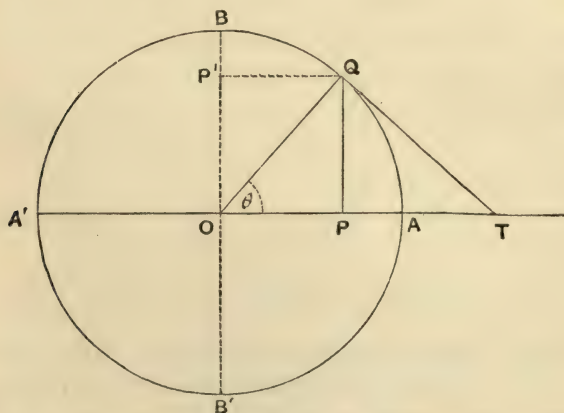
Shew also that the apparent weight of a train at the equator, which is travelling east at the rate of a mile per minute, is decreased by about  $\cdot 004$  of itself.

16. A particle slides down a smooth curve, through a vertical height  $h$ , and thus acquires sufficient velocity to run completely round the inside of a vertical circle of radius  $r$  (as in the centrifugal railway); prove that  $2h$  must be greater than  $5r$ .

## CHAPTER XI.

### SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION. PENDULUMS.

**152. Theorem.** *If a point  $Q$  describe a circle with uniform angular velocity, and if  $P$  be always the foot of the perpendicular drawn from  $Q$  upon a fixed diameter  $AOA'$  of the circle, to shew that the acceleration of  $P$  is directed towards the centre,  $O$ , of the circle and varies as the distance of  $P$  from  $O$ , and to find the velocity of  $P$  and its time of describing any space.*



Let  $a$  be the radius of the circle, and let the angle  $QOA$  be  $\theta$ . Draw  $QT$  the tangent at  $Q$  to meet  $OA$  in  $T$ .



Let  $\omega$  be the constant angular velocity with which the point  $Q$  describes the circle.

The velocity and acceleration of  $P$  are the same as the resolved parts, parallel to  $AO$ , of the velocity and acceleration of  $Q$ .

By Art. 135, Cor. I., the acceleration of  $Q$  is  $a\omega^2$  towards  $O$ .

Hence the acceleration of  $P$  along  $PO = a\omega^2 \cos \theta = \omega^2 \cdot OP$ , and therefore varies as the distance of  $P$  from the centre of the circle.

Also the velocity of  $P$

$$= a\omega \cos QTO = a\omega \sin \theta = \omega \cdot PQ = \omega \sqrt{a^2 - x^2},$$

where  $OP$  is  $x$ .

This velocity is zero at  $A$  and  $A'$ , and greatest at  $O$ .

Also the acceleration vanishes, and changes its sign, as the point  $P$  passes through  $O$ .

The point  $P$  therefore moves from rest at  $A$ , has its greatest velocity at  $O$ , comes to rest again at  $A'$ , and then retraces its path to  $A$ .

Also the time in which  $P$  describes any distance  $AP$

= time in which  $Q$  describes the arc  $AQ$

$$= \frac{\theta}{\omega} = \frac{1}{\omega} \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{a} \right).$$

Hence the time from  $A$  to  $A' = \frac{1}{\omega} \cos^{-1}(-1) = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$ .

Also the time from  $A$  to  $A'$  and back again to  $A = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$ .

**153. Simple Harmonic Motion. Def.** *If a point move in a straight line so that its acceleration is always directed towards, and varies as its distance from, a fixed point in the straight line, the point is said to move with simple harmonic motion.*

The point  $P$  in the previous article moves with simple harmonic motion.

From the results of the previous article we see, by equating  $\omega^2$  to  $\mu$ , that if a point move with simple harmonic motion, starting from rest at a distance  $a$  from the fixed centre  $O$ , and moving with acceleration  $\mu$ .  $OP$ , then

(1) its velocity when at a distance  $x$  from  $O$  is

$$\sqrt{\mu(a^2 - x^2)},$$

(2) the time that has elapsed when the point is at a distance  $x$  from  $O$  is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} \cos^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$ ,

and (3) the time that elapses before it is again in its initial position is  $\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\mu}}$ .

The range,  $OA$  or  $OA'$ , of the moving point on either side of the centre  $O$  is called the **Amplitude** of the motion.

The time that elapses from any instant till the instant in which the moving point is again moving through the same position with the same velocity and direction is called the **Periodic Time** of the motion.

It will be noted that the periodic time,  $\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\mu}}$ , is independent of the amplitude of the motion.

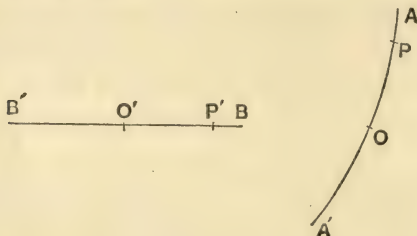
#### 154. *Extension to motion in a curve.*

Suppose that a moving point  $P$  is describing a portion,  $AOA'$ , of a curve of any shape, starting from rest at  $A$  and moving so that its tangential acceleration is always along the arc towards  $O$  and equal to  $\mu$ . arc  $OP$ , then the preceding proposition is true with slight modifications.

For let  $O'B$  be a straight line equal in length to the

arc  $OA$ , and let  $P'$  be a point describing it with acceleration  $\mu \cdot O'P'$ ; also let  $O'P' = \text{arc } OP$ .

Since the acceleration of  $P'$  in its path is always the same as that of  $P$ , the velocities acquired in the same time are the same, and the times of describing the same distances are the same.



Hence

$$(1) \text{ The velocity of } P = \text{the velocity of } P' \\ = \sqrt{\mu (O'B^2 - O'P'^2)} = \sqrt{\mu \{(\text{arc } OA)^2 - (\text{arc } OP)^2\}},$$

$$(2) \text{ The time from } A \text{ to } P = \text{time from } B \text{ to } P' \\ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{O'P'}{O'B} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{\text{arc } OP}{\text{arc } OA} \right),$$

$$\text{and } (3) \text{ The time from } A \text{ to } A' \text{ and back again} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\mu}}.$$

**155. Ex. 1.** *A point moves with simple harmonic motion whose period is 4 seconds; if it start from rest at a distance of 4 feet from the centre of its path, find the time that elapses before it has described 2 feet and the velocity it has then acquired.*

If the acceleration be  $\mu$  times the distance, we have  $\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\mu}} = 4$ .

$$\therefore \mu = \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^2.$$

When the point has described 2 feet it is then at a distance of 2 feet from the centre of its motion.

Hence, by Art. 153 (2), the time that has elapsed

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu}} \cos^{-1} \frac{x}{a} = \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{4} \right) = \frac{2}{\pi} \times \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ second.}$$

Also, by Art. 153 (1), the velocity it has acquired

$$= \sqrt{\mu(a^2 - x^2)} = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right)^2 (4^2 - 2^2)} = \pi \sqrt{3} \text{ feet per second.}$$

**Ex. 2.** A point starts from rest at a distance of 16 feet from the centre of its path and moves with simple harmonic motion; if in its initial position the acceleration be 4 ft.-sec. units, find (1) its velocity when at a distance of 8 feet from the centre and when passing through the centre, and (2) its periodic time.

(1) Let the acceleration be  $\mu$  times the distance.

Then  $\mu \times 16 = 4$ , i.e.  $\mu = \frac{1}{4}$ .

Hence, by Art. 153 (1), its velocity when at a distance of 8 feet from the centre  $= \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}(16^2 - 8^2)} = \sqrt{48} = 4\sqrt{3}$  feet per second.

Also its velocity when passing through the centre

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} \cdot 16^2} = 8 \text{ feet per second.}$$

(2) Its periodic time  $= \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\mu}} = 4\pi = \text{about } 12\frac{2}{3} \text{ seconds.}$

**Ex. 3.** A mass of 12 lbs. is hanging by a light spiral spring which stretches one inch for each pound-weight of tension. If the upper end of the spring be instantaneously raised four inches and then held fast, find the amplitude and period of the subsequent motion of the mass.

Let  $l$  feet be the length of the spring when the mass is hanging at rest; let  $a$  feet be its unstretched length and  $\lambda$  the modulus of elasticity.

By Statics, Art. 215, since the weight of the mass must be equal to the tension of the spring, we have

$$\lambda \frac{l-a}{a} = 12 \text{ lbs. wt.} = 12g \dots\dots\dots(1).$$

Also, since the spring stretches 1 inch for each pound-weight of tension, we have

$$\lambda \frac{1}{a} = 1 \cdot g \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

When the end is raised let its new position be  $O$  and let  $A$  be a point at a depth  $l$  below  $O$ .

When the mass is at a distance  $x$  below  $A$  the force acting on it

$$= \lambda \frac{(l+x) - a}{a} - 12g = \lambda \frac{l+x-a}{a} - \lambda \frac{l-a}{a}, \text{ by (1),}$$

$$= \lambda \frac{x}{a} = 12g \cdot x, \text{ by (2).}$$

Hence its acceleration  $= 12g \cdot x + 12 = g \cdot x$ .

Its motion is therefore simple harmonic motion about the point  $A$  as centre.

The time of a complete oscillation  $= \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{g}}$  seconds, by Art. 153 (3),

$$= \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{32}} = 1.11 \text{ secs. nearly.}$$

Also, since the mass was initially at rest at a depth of 4 inches below  $A$ , its amplitude is 4 inches above and below  $A$ .

### EXAMPLES. XXVI.

1. A particle moves in a straight line with simple harmonic motion; find the time of an oscillation from rest to rest when

- (1) the acceleration at a distance 2 feet is 4 ft.-sec. units;
- (2) the acceleration at a distance 3 inches is 9 ft.-sec. units;
- (3) the acceleration at a distance one foot is  $\pi^2$  ft.-sec. units.

2. In each of the cases in the previous example, find the velocity when the point is passing through the centre of its path, the amplitude of the motions being respectively 2 feet, 3 inches, and one foot.

3. A particle moves in a straight line with simple harmonic motion, and its periods of oscillation are (1) 2, (2)  $\frac{1}{10}$ , and (3)  $\pi$  seconds, respectively; the amplitude of its motion in each case is one foot; find the velocity of the particle when moving through the centre of its path.

4. A point, moving with simple harmonic motion, has a velocity of 4 feet per second when passing through the centre of its path, and its period is  $\pi$  seconds; what is its velocity when it has described one foot from the position in which its velocity is zero?

5. A point moves with simple harmonic motion; if, when at distances of 3 and 4 feet from the centre of its path, its velocities are 8 and 6 feet per second respectively, find its period and its acceleration when at its greatest distance from the centre.



6. A mass of **one gramme** vibrates through a millimetre on each side of the middle point of its path 256 times per second; assuming its motion to be simple harmonic, shew that the maximum force upon the particle is  $\frac{1}{16} (512\pi)^2$  dynes.

7. A horizontal shelf moves vertically with simple harmonic motion, whose complete period is one second; find the greatest amplitude in centimetres that it can have, so that objects resting on the shelf may always remain in contact with it.

8. An elastic string, of negligible weight, of which the unstretched length is  $l$  and the modulus of elasticity the weight of  $n$  ounces, is suspended by one end and has a mass of  $m$  ounces attached to the other; shew that the time of a vertical oscillation of the mass is

$$2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{n} \frac{l}{g}}.$$

9. A rod  $AB$  is in motion so that the end  $B$  moves with uniform speed  $u$  in a circle whose centre is  $C$ , whilst the end  $A$  moves in a straight line passing through  $C$ . If  $AB=BC=a$ , and  $AC=x$ , shew that the velocity of  $A$  is  $u \frac{\sqrt{4a^2 - x^2}}{a}$ , and that it moves with simple harmonic motion.

## PENDULUMS.

**156. Simple pendulum.** A particle tied to one end of a string, the other end of which is fixed, and which oscillates in a vertical circle having the fixed point as centre, is called a simple pendulum.

The time of oscillation depends on the angle through which the string swings on each side of the vertical.

If however this angle of oscillation be small, we shall shew in the next article that the time of oscillation of the pendulum is approximately constant.

**157. Theorem.** *If a particle be tied by a string to a fixed point, and allowed to oscillate through a small angle about the vertical position, to shew that the time of a complete oscillation is  $2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$ , where  $l$  is the length of the string.*

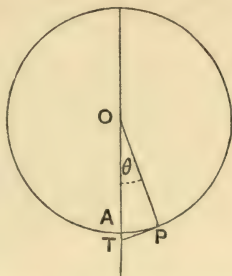
Let  $O$  be the fixed point,  $OA$  a vertical line,  $AP$  a portion of the arc described by the particle, and let the angle  $AOP$  be  $\theta$ .

If  $PT$  be the tangent at  $P$  meeting  $OA$  in  $T$ , the acceleration of the bob along  $PT$

$$= g \sin \theta$$

$$= g\theta, \text{ approximately, if } \theta \text{ be small}$$

$$= \frac{g}{l} \times \text{arc } AP.$$



The acceleration along the tangent to the path therefore varies as the arcual distance from the lowest point.

It follows that the motion is harmonic and hence, by Art. 154 (3), the time of a complete oscillation is independent of the extent of the oscillation, and equals

$$\frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\frac{g}{l}}}, \text{ i.e. } 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}.$$

**153. Seconds Pendulum.** A seconds pendulum is one which vibrates from rest to rest (i.e. makes half a complete oscillation) in one second.

Hence, if  $l$  be its length, we have

$$1 = \pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}.$$

$$\therefore l = \frac{g}{\pi^2} \text{ feet.}$$

Since  $g$  varies at different points of the earth's surface, we see that the length of the seconds pendulum is not the same at all points of the earth.

For an approximate value, putting  $g = 32.2$  and  $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$ , we have

$$l = 3.26 \text{ feet} = 39.12 \text{ inches.}$$

If we use the centimetre-second system we have, by putting  $g=981$ ,  $l=99.3$  centimetres.

For the latitude of London more accurate values are  $39.13929...$  inches and  $99.413...$  centimetres.

**159. Ex.** Find the length of a pendulum which will oscillate 56 times in 55 seconds.

The time of oscillation is  $\frac{55}{56}$  seconds. Hence, if  $l$  be the length of the pendulum, we have

$$\frac{55}{56} = \pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} = \frac{22}{7} \sqrt{\frac{l}{32}};$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\frac{l}{32}} = \frac{5}{16}.$$

$$\therefore l = 32 \times \frac{25}{256} = \frac{25}{8} \text{ feet} = 37\frac{1}{2} \text{ inches.}$$

## EXAMPLES. XXVII.

[In the following examples,  $\pi$  may be taken to be  $\frac{22}{7}$ .]

1. If  $g=32.2$ , what is the length of a pendulum vibrating in 2.5 seconds?

2. The time of a complete vibration at a given place of a pendulum 64 metres long is 16 seconds; shew that the value of  $g$  there is 987 cm.-sec. units.

3. A pendulum, 3 feet long, is observed to make 700 oscillations in 671 seconds; find approximately the value of  $g$ .

4. Given that the length of a seconds pendulum is 39.12 inches, find the lengths of the pendulums which will vibrate in (1) half a second, (2) one quarter of a second, (3) 2 seconds.

5. How many oscillations will a pendulum, of length 53.41 centimetres, make in 242 seconds at a place where  $g$  is 981?

6. Shew that a pendulum, one mile in length, would oscillate in 40 seconds nearly.

7. A pendulum, of length 37.8 inches, makes 183 beats in three minutes at a certain place; find the acceleration due to gravity there.

8. How many oscillations will a pendulum, of length 4 feet, make in one day?

9. A pendulum, 450 feet long, has been suspended in the Eiffel tower; prove that it makes a complete oscillation in about  $23\frac{1}{4}$  seconds.

**160.** The result of Art. 157, although not mathematically accurate, is very approximately so. If the angle  $\alpha$  through which the pendulum swings on each side of the vertical be  $5^\circ$ , the result is within one-two thousandth part of the accurate result, so that a pendulum which beats seconds for very small oscillations would lose about 40 seconds per day, if made to vibrate through  $5^\circ$  on each side of the vertical.

**161.** The simple pendulum of which we have spoken is idealistic. In practice, a pendulum consists of a wire whose mass, although small, is not zero and a bob at the end which is not a particle. Whatever be the shape of the pendulum, the simple pendulum which oscillates in the same time as itself is its **simple equivalent pendulum**.

The discussion of the connection between a rigid body and its simple equivalent pendulum is not within the range of this book. We may, however, mention that a uniform rod, of small section, swings about one end in the same time as a simple pendulum of two-thirds its length.

**162.** *Acceleration due to gravity.* Newton discovered, as a fundamental law of nature, that every particle attracts every other particle with a force which varies directly as the product of the masses and inversely as the square of the distance between them.

From this fact it can be shewn, as in any treatise dealing with Attractions, that a sphere attracts any particle *outside* itself just as if the whole mass of the sphere were collected at its centre, and hence that the acceleration caused by its attraction varies inversely as the square of the distance of the particle from the centre.

Similarly the attraction on a particle *inside* the earth can be shewn to vary directly as its distance from the centre of the earth.

Hence, if  $g_1$  be the value of gravity at a height  $h$  above

the earth's surface,  $g$  the value at the surface, and  $r$  the earth's radius, then  $g_1 : g :: \frac{1}{(r+h)^2} : \frac{1}{r^2}$ ,

so that 
$$g_1 = g \left( \frac{r}{r+h} \right)^2.$$

So, if  $g_2$  be the value at the bottom of a mine of depth  $d$ , we have  $g_2 = g \frac{r-d}{r}$ . The value of  $g$  is therefore greater at the earth's surface than either outside or inside the earth.

**163.** We shall now investigate the effect on the time of oscillation of a simple pendulum due to a *small* change in the value of  $g$ , and also the effect due to a *small* change in its length.

If a pendulum, of length  $l$ , make  $n$  complete oscillations in a given time, to shew that

(1) If  $g$  be changed to  $g+G$ , the number of oscillations gained is  $\frac{n}{2} \cdot \frac{G}{g}$ ,

(2) If the pendulum be taken to a height  $h$  above the earth's surface, the number of oscillations lost is  $n \frac{h}{r}$ , where  $r$  is the radius of the earth,

(3) If it be taken to the bottom of a mine of depth  $d$ , the number lost is  $\frac{n}{2} \frac{d}{r}$ ,

(4) If its length be changed to  $l+L$ , the number lost is  $\frac{n}{2} \frac{L}{l}$ .

Let  $T$  be the original time of oscillation,  $T'$  the new time of oscillation, and  $n'$  the new number of oscillations in the given time, so that

$$nT = n'T'.$$

(1) In this case  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{l/g}$  and  $T' = 2\pi \sqrt{l/(g+G)}$ .

Hence  $\frac{n'}{n} = \frac{T}{T'} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{G}{g}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{G}{g}$ , approximately,

(using the Binomial Theorem and neglecting squares of  $\frac{G}{g}$ ).

Hence the number of oscillations gained  $= n' - n = \frac{n}{2} \frac{G}{g}$ .

So, if  $g$  become  $g - G$ , the number lost is  $\frac{n}{2} \frac{G}{g}$ .



(2) If  $g - G$  be the value of gravity at a height  $h$ , we have

$$\frac{g - G}{g} = \frac{r^2}{(r + h)^2} = \left(1 + \frac{h}{r}\right)^{-2} = 1 - \frac{2h}{r} \text{ approximately.}$$

Therefore  $G = g \frac{2h}{r}$ , and hence, as in (1), the number of oscillations lost is  $n \frac{h}{r}$ .

(3) If  $g - G$  be the value at a depth  $d$ , we have  $g - G : g :: r - d : r$ , so that the number of oscillations lost  $= \frac{n G}{2 g} = \frac{n d}{2 r}$ .

(4) When the length  $l$  of the pendulum is changed to  $l + L$ , we have

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{l/g} \text{ and } T' = 2\pi \sqrt{(l + L)/g}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{n'}{n} = \frac{T}{T'} = \left(1 + \frac{L}{l}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{L}{l} \text{ approximately.}$$

$$\text{Hence the number of oscillations lost} = n - n' = \frac{n L}{2 l}.$$

**164. Ex. 1.** *A pendulum, which beats seconds at the surface of the earth, is carried to the top of a mountain 5 miles high; find the number of seconds it will lose in a day.*

Let  $g$  and  $g_1$  be the accelerations due to gravity at the sea-level and the top of the mountain respectively.

$$\text{Then} \quad g : g_1 :: \frac{1}{4000^2} : \frac{1}{4005^2}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{g}{g_1} = \left(\frac{4005}{4000}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{801}{800}\right)^2.$$

Since the pendulum beats seconds at the earth's surface, we have

$$1 = \pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \dots\dots\dots(1).$$

Also, if  $T$  be the time of oscillation at the top of the mountain, we have

$$T = \pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g_1}} \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

Dividing (2) by (1), we have

$$T = \sqrt{\frac{g}{g_1}} = \frac{801}{800}.$$

Hence the number of beats in a day at the top of the mountain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{86400}{T} = 86400 \times \frac{800}{801} \\
 &= 86400 \times \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{800}} = 86400 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{800} \right)^{-1} \\
 &= 86400 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{800} \right) \text{ approximately} \\
 &= 86400 - 108.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the number of beats lost is 108.

**Ex. 2.** A faulty seconds pendulum loses 20 seconds per day; find the required alteration in its length, so that it may keep correct time.

The pendulum beats 86380 times in 86400 seconds, so that its time of oscillation is  $\frac{8640}{8638}$  seconds. Hence, if  $l$  be its length,

$$\frac{8640}{8638} = \pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}} \dots\dots\dots(1).$$

Let  $l+x$  be the true length of the seconds pendulum at the place. Then

$$1 = \pi \sqrt{\frac{l+x}{g}} \dots\dots\dots(2).$$

Subtracting the square of (1) from the square of (2), we have

$$1 - \left( \frac{8640}{8638} \right)^2 = \pi^2 \cdot \frac{x}{g};$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{g}{\pi^2} \left[ \left( \frac{8640}{8638} \right)^2 - 1 \right]$$

$$= -\frac{g}{\pi^2} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{2}{8640} \right)^2 - 1 \right] = -\frac{32 \times 7^2}{22^2} \left[ 1 + \frac{4}{8640} - 1 \right] \text{ approximately}$$

$$= -\frac{32 \times 49}{484} \cdot \frac{4}{8640} = -\frac{49}{121 \times 270} \text{ feet} = -.018 \text{ inch.}$$

Hence the pendulum must be shortened by .018 inch.

**165.** From Article 163 it follows that the height of a mountain, or the depth of a mine, could be found by finding the number of oscillations lost by a pendulum which beats seconds on the surface of the earth.

**166.** The value of  $g$  has been most accurately found by means of timing the oscillation of a pendulum. This may be done as follows.

The pendulum on which we experiment is set swinging in front of a clock, whose pendulum we know to be beating true seconds, and they are started so that they are both vertical at the same instant, and the time is carefully noted at which they are again both vertical together and moving in the same direction; we then know that the pendulum has gained (or lost) one complete oscillation on the seconds pendulum. Suppose, for example, that they coincide at the end of 300 seconds, and that our pendulum has been swinging more slowly than the seconds pendulum, then in that time the seconds pendulum has made 150 complete oscillations, and the other pendulum 149, so that the time of its complete oscillation would be  $\frac{300}{149}$  seconds.

The time of an oscillation may be found much more accurately by finding the time that would elapse before the experimental pendulum had lost a large number, say 20, oscillations, and then taking the average.

The length of the simple equivalent pendulum corresponding to our experimental pendulum may be then measured, and the value of  $g$  then determined by means of the formula  $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$ .

**167.** *Verification of the law of gravity by means of the moon's motion.* We may shew roughly the truth of the law of gravitation, by finding the time that the moon would take to travel round the earth, on the assumption that it is kept in its orbit by means of the earth's attraction.

Let  $f$  be the acceleration of the moon due to the earth's attraction; then, since the distance between the centres of

the two bodies is roughly 60 times the earth's radius, we have  $f : g :: \frac{1}{(60r)^2} : \frac{1}{r^2}$ , so that  $f = g/3600$ .

Let  $v$  be the velocity of the moon round the earth, so that

$$v^2/60r = f = g/3600.$$

$$\therefore v^2 = \frac{gr}{60}.$$

Hence the periodic time of the moon

$$= 2\pi \times 60r \div v = 2\pi \cdot 60 \times \sqrt{\frac{60r}{g}} \text{ seconds.}$$

Taking the radius of the earth to be 4000 miles, and  $g$  as 32.2, this time is 27.4 days, and this is approximately the observed time of revolution.

### EXAMPLES. XXVIII.

1. A pendulum which beats seconds at Greenwich, where  $g = 32.2$ , is taken to another place where it loses 20 seconds per day; find the value of  $g$  at the latter place.

2. A seconds pendulum, which gains 10 seconds per day at one place, loses 10 seconds per day at another; compare the accelerations due to gravity at the two places.

3. Assuming the values of  $g$  in foot-second units at the equator and the north pole to be 32.09 and 32.25 respectively, find how many seconds per day would be gained at the north pole by a pendulum which would beat seconds at the equator.

4. A clock with a seconds pendulum loses 9 seconds per day; find roughly the required alteration in the length of the pendulum.

5. A clock gains five seconds per day; shew how it may be made to keep correct time.

6. If a pendulum oscillating seconds be lengthened by its hundredth part, find the number of oscillations it will lose in a day.

7. A simple seconds pendulum is lengthened by  $\frac{1}{16}$ th inch; find the number of seconds it will lose in 24 hours.

8. A simple pendulum performs 21 complete vibrations in 44 seconds; on shortening its length by 47.6875 centimetres it performs 21 complete vibrations in 33 seconds; find the value of  $g$ .

9. A simple seconds pendulum consists of a heavy ball suspended by a long and very fine iron wire; if the pendulum be correct at a temperature  $0^{\circ}\text{C.}$ , find how many seconds it will gain, or lose, in 24 hours at a temperature of  $20^{\circ}\text{C.}$ , given that the iron expands by  $\cdot 000233$  of its length owing to this rise of temperature.

10. If a seconds pendulum lose 10 seconds per day at the bottom of a mine, find the depth of the mine and the number of seconds that the pendulum would lose when halfway down the mine.

11. A clock, which at the surface of the earth gains 10 seconds a day, loses 10 seconds a day when taken down a mine; compare the accelerations due to gravity at the top and bottom of the mine and find its depth.

12. If a seconds pendulum be carried to the top of a mountain half a mile high, how many seconds will it lose per day, assuming the earth's centre to be 4000 miles from the foot of the mountain, and by how much must it be shortened so that it may beat seconds at the summit of the mountain?

13. Shew that the height of a hill at the summit of which a seconds pendulum loses  $n$  beats in 24 hours is approximately  $245 \cdot n$  feet.

14. A balloon ascends with a constant acceleration and reaches a height of 900 feet in one minute. Shew that a pendulum clock, which has a seconds pendulum and is carried in the balloon, will gain at the rate of about 28 seconds per hour.

15. A cage-lift is descending with unit acceleration; shew that a pendulum clock, which has a seconds pendulum and is carried with it, will lose at the rate of about 56 seconds per hour.

16. Shew that a seconds pendulum would, if carried to the moon, oscillate in  $2\frac{1}{2}$  seconds, assuming the mass of the earth to be 81 times that of the moon, and that the radius of the earth is 4 times that of the moon.

17. A railway train is moving uniformly in a circular curve at the rate of 60 miles per hour, and in one of the carriages a seconds pendulum is observed to beat 121 times in 2 minutes. Shew that the radius of the curve is about 1317 feet.

18. A particle would take a time  $t$  to move down a straight tube from the surface of the earth (supposed to be a homogeneous sphere) to its centre; if gravity were to remain constant from the surface to the centre, it would take a time  $t'$ ; shew that

$$t : t' :: \pi : 2\sqrt{2}.$$

19. A simple pendulum swings under gravity in such a manner that, when the string is vertical, the force which it exerts on the bob is twice its weight; shew that the greatest inclination of the string to the vertical is  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .



## CHAPTER XII.

### UNITS AND DIMENSIONS.

**163.** WHEN we wish to state the magnitude of any concrete quantity we express it in terms of some unit of the same kind as itself, and we have to state, (1), what is the unit we are employing, and, (2), what is the ratio of the quantity we are considering to that unit. This latter ratio is called the *measure* of the quantity in terms of the unit. Thus, if we wish to express the height of a man, we may say that it is six feet. Here a foot is the unit and six is the measure. We might as well have said that he is 2 yards, or 72 inches, high.

The measure will vary according to the unit we employ. The measure of any quantity multiplied into the unit employed is always the same (*e.g.*, 2 yards = 6 feet = 72 inches).

Hence, if  $k$  and  $k'$  be the measures of a physical quantity when the units used are denoted by  $[K]$  and  $[K']$ , we have

$$k[K] = k'[K']$$

and hence  $[K] : [K'] :: \frac{1}{k} : \frac{1}{k'}$ ,

so that, by the definition of variation, we have  $[K] \propto \frac{1}{k}$ , *i.e.*, *the unit in terms of which any quantity is measured varies inversely as the measure and conversely.*

**169.** A straight line possesses length only, and no breadth or thickness, and hence is said to be of one dimension in length.

An area possesses both length and breadth, but no thickness, and is said to be of two dimensions in length. The unit of area usually employed is that whose length and breadth are respectively equal to the unit of length. Hence if we have two different units of length in the ratio  $\lambda : 1$ , the two corresponding units of area are in the ratio  $\lambda^2 : 1$ , so that, if  $[A]$  denote the unit of area and  $[L]$  the unit of length, then

$$[A] \propto [L]^2.$$

For example, 12 inches make 1 foot, but 144 (*i.e.*,  $12^2$ ) square inches make one square foot.

A volume possesses length, breadth, and thickness, and is said to be of three dimensions in length. The unit is that volume whose length, breadth, and thickness are each equal to the unit of length. As in the case of areas, it follows that, if  $[V]$  denote the unit of volume, then

$$[V] \propto [L]^3.$$

Since the units of area and volume depend on that of length, they are said to be **derived units**, whilst the unit of length is called a fundamental unit.

Another fundamental unit is the unit of time, usually denoted by  $[T]$ . A period of time is of one dimension in time.

The third fundamental unit is the unit of mass, denoted by  $[M]$ . Any mass is said to be of one dimension in mass.

These are the three fundamental units; all other units depend on these three, and are therefore derived units.

**170.** In Art. 9 we defined the unity of velocity to be the velocity of a point which describes a unit of length in a unit of time. Hence if the unit of length, or the unit of time, or both, be altered, the unit of velocity will, in general, be altered.

For example, let the units of length and time be changed from a foot and a second to 2 feet and 3 seconds. The new unit of velocity is the velocity of a point which describes 2 feet in 3 seconds, *i.e.*, which describes  $\frac{2}{3}$  foot in one second, *i.e.*, is equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  rds of the original unit of velocity.

Similarly, since a body is moving with unit acceleration when the change in its velocity per unit of time is equal to the unit of velocity, it follows that the unit of acceleration depends on the units of velocity and time, *i.e.*, it depends ultimately upon the units of length and time.

Again, the unit of force is, by Art. 61, that force which in the unit of mass produces the unit of acceleration. Hence the unit of force is altered when either the unit of force, or the unit of acceleration, or both, are altered. Hence the unit of force depends ultimately upon the units of length, time, and mass.

**171. Theorem.** *To shew that the unit of velocity varies directly as the unit of length, and inversely as the unit of time.*

In one system let the units of length, time, and velocity be denoted by  $[L]$ ,  $[T]$ , and  $[V]$ , and in a second system by  $[L']$ ,  $[T']$ , and  $[V']$ ; also let

$$[L'] = m [L], \text{ and } [T'] = n [T].$$

Then a body is said to be moving  
with the original unit of velocity

when it describes a length  $[L]$  in time  $[T]$ ;

therefore with velocity  $m [V]$

when it describes a length  $m [L]$  in time  $[T]$ ;

therefore with velocity  $\frac{m}{n} [V]$

when it describes a length  $m [L]$  in time  $n [T]$ ;

therefore with velocity  $\frac{m}{n} [V]$

when it describes a length  $[L']$  in time  $[T']$ .

But it is moving with velocity  $[V']$  when it describes a  
length  $[L']$  in time  $[T']$ .

$$\therefore [V'] = \frac{m}{n} [V].$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore [V'] : [V] &:: \frac{[L']}{[L]} : \frac{[T']}{[T]} \\ &:: \frac{[L']}{[T']} : \frac{[L]}{[T]}; \end{aligned}$$

hence, by the definition of variation,

$$[V] \propto \frac{[L]}{[T]}, \text{ i.e., } \propto [L] [T]^{-1}.$$

**172. Theorem.** *To shew that the unit of acceleration varies directly as the unit of length, and inversely as the square of the unit of time.*

Take the units of length and time as before, and let  $[F]$  and  $[F']$  denote the corresponding units of acceleration.

Then a body is said to be moving  
with the original unit of acceleration

when a vel. of  $[L]$  per  $[T]$  is added on per  $[T]$ ;

therefore with acceleration  $m [F]$

when a vel. of  $m [L]$  per  $[T]$  is added on per  $[T]$ ;

therefore with acceleration  $\frac{m}{n} [F]$

when a vel. of  $m [L]$  per  $n [T]$  is added on per  $[T]$ ;

therefore with acceleration  $\frac{m}{n^2} [F]$

when a vel. of  $m [L]$  per  $n [T]$  is added on per  $n [T]$ ;

therefore with acceleration  $\frac{m}{n^2} [F]$

when a vel. of  $[L']$  per  $[T']$  is added on per  $[T']$ .

But now the body is moving with the new unit of acceleration  $[F']$ ;

$$\therefore [F'] = \frac{m}{n^2} [F].$$

$$\therefore [F'] : [F] :: m : n^2$$

$$:: \frac{[L']}{[L]} : \frac{[T']^2}{[T]^2}$$

$$:: \frac{[L']}{[T']^2} : \frac{[L]}{[T]^2}.$$

Hence, by the definition of variation,

$$[F] \propto \frac{[L]}{[T]^2}, \text{ i.e., } \propto [L] [T]^{-2}.$$

**173. Ex. 1.** *If the units of length and time be changed from a foot and a second to 100 feet and 50 seconds respectively, find in what ratio the units of velocity and acceleration are changed.*

The new unit of velocity is a velocity of 100 feet per 50 seconds, i.e., a velocity of 2 feet per second. Hence the new unit of velocity is twice the original unit of velocity.

Again a body is moving with the new unit of acceleration

when a velocity of 100 feet per 50 seconds is added on per 50 secs.,  
 i.e., ..... 2 feet per 1 sec. .... per 50 secs.,  
 i.e., .....  $\frac{1}{25}$  feet per second ..... per sec.

Hence the new unit of acceleration is  $\frac{1}{25}$ th of the original unit of acceleration.



Otherwise thus; Taking the same notation as in Arts. 171 and 172, we have

$$[L'] = 100 [L], \text{ and } [T'] = 50 [T].$$

$$\therefore \frac{[V']}{[V]} = \frac{[L'] [T']^{-1}}{[L] [T]^{-1}} = 100 \times [50]^{-1} = \frac{100}{50} = 2,$$

and 
$$\frac{[F']}{[F]} = \frac{[L'] [T']^{-2}}{[L] [T]^{-2}} = 100 \times (50)^{-2} = \frac{100}{2500} = \frac{1}{25},$$

so that the new units of velocity and acceleration are respectively double and one twenty-fifth of the original units.

**Ex. 2.** Find the measure of the acceleration due to gravity in the yard-minute system, assuming its value in the foot-second system to be 32.2.

In a falling body a velocity of 32.2 ft. per sec. is added on per sec.,  
 $\therefore$  ..... 60  $\times$  32.2 ft. per minute is added on per sec.,  
 $\therefore$  ..... 60<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  32.2 ft. per minute is added on per min.,  
 $\therefore$  .....  $\frac{60^2}{3} \times 32.2$  yds. per minute is added on per minute.

$$\therefore \text{the required measure} = \frac{60^2 \times 32.2}{3} = 38640.$$

This may be more concisely put as follows:

Let  $x$  be the new measure; then

$$x \times [F'] = 32.2 \times [F],$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x &= 32.2 \times \frac{[F]}{[F']} = 32.2 \times \frac{[L] [T]^{-2}}{[L'] [T']^{-2}} = 32.2 \times \frac{1}{3 \times (60)^{-2}} \\ &= 32.2 \times \frac{60^2}{3} = 38640, \text{ as before.} \end{aligned}$$

**Ex. 3.** If the acceleration of a falling body be taken as the unit of acceleration, and the velocity generated in a falling body in one minute as the unit of velocity, find the units of length and time.

Using the same notation as in Arts. 171 and 172, the same acceleration is in the two systems represented by

$$32. [F] \text{ and } 1. [F'].$$

$$\therefore 1. [F'] = 32 [F].$$

$$\therefore [L'] [T']^{-2} = 32. [L] [T]^{-2} \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

In ft.-sec. units the velocity generated in one minute = 60  $\times$  32.

Hence 60  $\times$  32. [V] and 1. [V'] represent the same velocity.  
Hence

$$1. [L'] [T']^{-1} = 60 \times 32 [L] [T]^{-1} \dots \dots \dots (2).$$

Dividing the square of equation (2) by (1), we have

$$[L]' = \frac{60^2 \cdot 32^2}{32} [L] = 60^2 \times 32 \text{ feet.}$$

Hence, from (2),

$$\frac{[T']}{[T]} = \frac{1}{60 \times 32} \left[ \frac{L'}{L} \right] = \frac{1}{60 \times 32} \times 60^2 \times 32.$$

$$\therefore [T'] = 60 [T] = 60 \text{ seconds} = \text{one minute.}$$

### EXAMPLES. XXIX.

1. If the unit of length be one mile, and the unit of time one minute, find the units of velocity and acceleration.

2. If the unit of length be one mile, and the unit of time 4 seconds, find the units of velocity and acceleration.

3. If the unit of velocity be a velocity of 30 miles per hour, and the unit of time be one minute, find the units of length and acceleration.

4. If the unit of acceleration be that of a freely falling body, and the unit of time be 5 seconds, shew that the unit of velocity is a velocity of 160 ft. per sec.

5. What must be the unit of length, if the acceleration due to gravity be represented by 14, and the unit of time be five seconds?

6. If the unit of velocity be a velocity of 3 miles per hour, and the unit of time one minute, find the unit of length.

7. If the acceleration of a falling body be the unit of acceleration, and the velocity acquired by it in 5 seconds be the unit of velocity, shew that the units of length and time are 800 feet and 5 seconds respectively.

8. What is the measure of the acceleration due to gravity,

(1) when a foot and half a second are the units of length and time,

(2) when the units are a mile and eleven seconds,

(3) when the units are 10 yards and 10 minutes respectively?

9. Find the measure in the centimetre-minute system of the acceleration due to gravity, assuming a metre to be 39.37 inches.

10. The acceleration produced by gravity being 32 in ft.-sec. units, find its measure when the units are  $\frac{1}{10000}$  of an hour and a centimetre, given 1 centimetre = .0328 ft.

11. If the area of a ten acre field be represented by 100, and the acceleration of a heavy falling particle by  $58\frac{2}{3}$ , find the unit of time.

**174. Dimensions. Def.** *When we say that the dimensions of a physical quantity are  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  in length, time, and mass respectively, we mean that the unit in terms of which the quantity is measured varies as*

$$[L]^{\alpha} [T]^{\beta} [M]^{\gamma}.$$

Thus the results of Arts. 171 and 172 are expressed by saying that the dimensions of the unit of velocity are 1 in length and  $-1$  in time; while those of the unit of acceleration are 1 in length and  $-2$  in time.

The cases in Arts. 171 and 172 have been fully written out, but the results may be obtained more simply as in the following article.

**175. (1) Velocity.** Let  $v$  denote the numerical measure of the velocity of a point which undergoes a displacement whose numerical measure is  $s$ , in a time whose numerical measure is  $t$ , so that

$$s = vt.$$

If  $[L]$ ,  $[T]$ , and  $[V]$  denote the units of length, time, and velocity respectively, we have, as in Art. 168,

$$s \propto \frac{1}{[L]}, \quad t \propto \frac{1}{[T]}, \quad \text{and} \quad v \propto \frac{1}{[V]}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{[L]} \propto \frac{1}{[V]} \frac{1}{[T]}.$$

Hence

$$[V] \propto [L] [T]^{-1}.$$

**(2) Acceleration.** Let  $v$  denote the velocity acquired by a particle moving with acceleration  $f$  for time  $t$ , so that

$$v = ft.$$

If  $[F]$  denote the unit of acceleration, we have

$$f \propto \frac{1}{[F]}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{[V]} \propto \frac{1}{[F]} \frac{1}{[T]}.$$

Hence  $[F] \propto [V] [T]^{-1} \propto [L] [T]^{-2}.$

(3) **Density.** Let  $d$  be the density of a body whose mass is  $m$  and volume  $u$ , so that  $m = du$ .

If  $[D]$  and  $[U]$  denote the units of density and volume, we have

$$d \propto \frac{1}{[D]}; \quad u \propto \frac{1}{[U]}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{[M]} \propto \frac{1}{[D][U]}.$$

$$\therefore [D] \propto [M] [U]^{-1} \propto [M] [L]^{-3}.$$

If the body be very thin, so that it may be considered as a surface only, we see similarly that the unit of surface density

$$\propto [M] [L]^{-2}.$$

So, if the body be such that its breadth and thickness may be neglected, (so that it is a material line only), we have

$$\text{unit of linear density} \propto [M] [L]^{-1}.$$

(4) **Force.** If  $p$  be the force that would produce acceleration  $f$  in mass  $m$ , we have  $p = mf$ .

Hence, if  $[P]$  denote the unit of force, we have

$$[P] \propto [M] [F] \propto [M] [L] [T]^{-2}.$$

(5) **Momentum.** If  $k$  be the momentum of a mass  $m$  moving with velocity  $v$ , we have

$$k = mv.$$

Hence, if  $[K]$  denote the unit of momentum,

$$[K] \propto [M] [V] \propto [M] [L] [T]^{-1}.$$

(6) **Impulse.** If  $i$  be the impulse of a force  $p$  acting for time  $t$ , we have

$$i = pt.$$

Hence, if  $[I]$  denote the unit of impulse,

$$[I] \propto [P][T] \propto [M][L][T]^{-1},$$

so that an impulse is of the same dimensions as a momentum.

(7) **Kinetic Energy.** If  $e$  be the kinetic energy of a mass  $m$  moving with velocity  $v$ , we have

$$e = \frac{1}{2}mv^2.$$

Hence, if  $[E]$  denote the unit of kinetic energy,

$$[E] \propto [M][V]^2 \propto [M][L]^2[T]^{-2}.$$

(8) **Work.** If  $w$  be the work done when a force  $p$  moves its point of application through a distance  $s$ , then

$$w = ps.$$

Hence, if  $[W]$  denote the unit of work,

$$[W] \propto [P][L] \propto [M][L]^2[T]^{-2}.$$

Hence work and kinetic energy are of the same dimensions.

(9) **Power** or Rate of work. If  $h$  be the power at which work  $w$  is done in time  $t$ , then

$$h = \frac{w}{t} = wt^{-1}.$$

Hence, if  $[H]$  denote the unit of power,

$$[H] \propto [W][T]^{-1} \propto [M][L]^2[T]^{-3}.$$

(10) **Angular velocity.** If  $\omega$  be the angular velocity of a point which moves with velocity  $v$  in a circle of radius  $r$ , we have

$$\omega = \frac{v}{r} = vr^{-1} \quad (\text{Art. 26}).$$

Hence, if  $[\Omega]$  denote the unit of angular velocity, then

$$[\Omega] = [V][L]^{-1} = [T]^{-1}.$$



**176. Ex. 1.** *If the unit of mass be 112 lbs., the unit of length one mile, and the unit of time one minute, find the unit of force.*

The unit of force is (Art. 61) the force which in unit mass produces unit acceleration,

*i.e.*, which in 112 lbs. produces an acceleration of 1 mile per min. per min.,

*i.e.*, in 112 lbs. ....  $\frac{1}{60}$  mile per sec. per min.,

*i.e.*, in 112 lbs. ....  $\frac{1}{60^2}$  mile per sec. per sec.,

*i.e.*, in 112 lbs. ....  $\frac{1760 \times 3}{60^2}$  ft. per sec. per sec.,

*i.e.*, in 1 lb. ....  $\frac{1760 \times 3 \times 112}{60^2}$  ft. per sec. per sec.

Hence the new unit of force =  $\frac{1760 \times 3 \times 112}{60^2}$  poundals

=  $164\frac{4}{15}$  poundals = wt. of about  $5\frac{2}{15}$  lbs.

Otherwise thus: By Art. 175 (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{[P']}{[P]} &= \frac{[M'] [L'] [T']^{-2}}{[M] [L] [T]^{-2}} = 112 \times 1760 \cdot 3 \times (60)^{-2} \\ &= \frac{112 \times 1760 \cdot 3}{60^2} = 164\frac{4}{15}, \text{ as before.} \end{aligned}$$

**Ex. 2.** *The kinetic energy of a body expressed in the foot-pound-second system is 1000; find its value in the metre-gramme-minute system, having given 1 foot = 30.5 cms., and 1 lb. = 450 grammes, approximately.*

Let  $x$  be the measure in the new system, so that

$$x [E'] = 1000 [E],$$

$$\text{i.e., } x [M'] [L']^2 [T']^{-2} = 1000 [M] [L]^2 [T]^{-2}.$$

But  $[M] = 450 [M']$ ,  $[L] = 30.5 [L']$ , and  $[T] = \frac{1}{60} [T']$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x &= 1000 \times 450 \times [30.5]^2 \times 60^2 \\ &= 150,700,500. \end{aligned}$$

**Ex. 3.** *If the unit of velocity be 12 feet per second, the unit of acceleration 24 foot-second units, and the unit of force 20 poundals, what are the units of mass, length, and time?*

*Find also the corresponding unit of work.*

The unit of velocity  $[V']$  is equal to 12  $[V]$ .

$$[L'] [T']^{-1} = 12 [L] [T]^{-1} \dots \dots \dots (1).$$

The unit of acceleration  $[F']$  is equal to 24  $[F]$ .

$$\therefore [L'] [T']^{-2} = 24 [L] [T]^{-2} \dots \dots \dots (2).$$

The unit of force  $[P']$  is equal to 20  $[P]$ .

$$\therefore [M'] [L'] [T']^{-2} = 20 [M] [L] [T]^{-2} \dots \dots \dots (3).$$

Dividing (2) by (1), we have

$$[T']^{-1} = 2 [T]^{-1}.$$

$$\therefore [T'] = \frac{1}{2} [T] = .5 \text{ second.}$$

Dividing the square of (1) by (2), we have

$$[L'] = \frac{12^2}{24} [L] = 6 [L] = 6 \text{ feet.}$$

Dividing (3) by (2), we have

$$[M'] = \frac{2}{3} [M] = \frac{1}{3} \text{ lb.}$$

Hence the required units of mass, length, and time, are

$$\frac{1}{3} \text{ lb., } 6 \text{ feet, and } \frac{1}{2} \text{ sec.}$$

Also, by Art. 175 (8), we have

$$\frac{[W']}{[W]} = \frac{[M'] [L']^2 [T']^{-2}}{[M] [L]^2 [T]^{-2}} = \frac{5}{6} \times (6)^2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2}.$$

$$\therefore [W'] = \frac{5 \cdot 6^2 \cdot 2^2}{6} [W] = 120 \text{ foot-poundals.}$$

### EXAMPLES. XXX.

1. If 39 inches be the unit of length, 3 seconds the unit of time, and 1 cwt. the unit of mass, find the unit of force.

2. If the units of mass, length, and time be 10 lbs., 10 feet, and 10 seconds respectively, find the units of force and work.

3. If the unit of length be 2 feet, what must be the unit of time in order that one pound-weight may be the unit of force, the unit of mass being one pound?

4. If the unit of mass be 1 cwt., the unit of force the weight of one ton, and the unit of length one mile, shew that the unit of time is  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{33}$  seconds.

5. If the unit of velocity be a velocity of one mile per minute, the unit of acceleration be the acceleration with which this velocity would be acquired in 5 minutes, and the unit of force be equal to the weight of half a ton, find the units of length, time, and mass.

6. If a hundredweight be the unit of mass, a minute the unit of time, and the unit of force the weight of a pound, find the unit of length.

7. If the unit of force be equal to the weight of 5 ounces, the unit of time be one minute, and a velocity of 60 feet per second be denoted by 9; find the units of length and mass.

8. If  $5\frac{1}{2}$  yards be the unit of length, a velocity of one yard per second the unit of velocity, and 6 poundals the unit of force, what is the unit of mass?

9. Taking as a rough approximation 1 foot = 30.5 cms., 1 lb. = 453 grammes, and the acceleration of a falling body = 32 ft.-sec. units, shew that

- (i) 1 Poundal = 13816 Dynes,
- (ii) 1 Foot-Poundal = 421403 Ergs,
- (iii) 1 Erg =  $7.416 \times 10^{-8}$  Foot-Pounds,
- (iv) 1 Horse-Power =  $7.416 \times 10^9$  Ergs per sec.

10. In two different systems of units an acceleration is represented by the same number, whilst a velocity is represented by numbers in the ratio 1 : 8; compare the units of length and time.

If further the momentum of a body be represented by numbers in the ratio 5 : 2, compare the units of mass.

11. If the units of length, velocity, and force be each doubled, shew that the units of time and mass will be unaltered, and that of energy increased in the ratio 1 : 4.

12. If the unit of time be one hour, and the units of mass and force be the mass of one hundredweight and the weight of a pound respectively, find the units of work and momentum in absolute units.

13. Find a system of units such that the momentum and kinetic energy of a mass of 4 lbs., moving with a velocity of 5 feet per second, may each be numerically equal to unity, and such that the unit of force may be the weight of one pound.

14. If the unit of acceleration be that of a body falling freely, the unit of velocity the velocity acquired by the body in 5 seconds from rest, and the unit of momentum that of one pound after falling for 10 seconds, find the units of length, time, and mass.

15. If the unit of work be that done in lifting one hundredweight through three yards, the unit of momentum that of a mass of one pound which has fallen vertically 4 feet under gravity, and the unit of acceleration three times that produced by gravity, find the units of length, time, and mass.

16. Find the units of length, time, and mass supposing that when a force equal to the weight of a gramme acts on the mass of 16 grammes the acceleration produced is the unit of acceleration, that the work done in the first four seconds is the unit of work, and that the force is doing work at unit rate when the body is moving at the rate of 90 cms. per second.

17. The velocity of a train running at the rate of 60 miles per hour is denoted by 8, the resistance the train experiences and which is equal to the weight of 1600 lbs. is denoted by 10, and the number of units of work done by the engine per mile by 10. Find the units of length, time, and mass.

18. In a certain system of absolute units the acceleration produced by gravity in a body falling freely is denoted by 3, the kinetic energy of a 600 pound shot moving with velocity 1600 feet per second is denoted by 100, and its momentum by 10; find the units of length, time, and mass.

19. If the kinetic energy of a train, whose mass is 100 tons and whose velocity is 45 miles per hour, be denoted by 11, whilst the impulse of the force required to bring it to rest is denoted by 5, and 40 horse-power by 15, find the units of length, time, and mass, and shew that the acceleration due to gravity is denoted by 2016, assuming its measure in foot-second units to be 32.

20. If the unit of force be the weight of one pound, what must be the unit of mass so that the equation  $P = mf$  may still be true?

### Verification of formulae by means of counting the dimensions.

**177.** Many formulae and results may be tested by means of the dimensions of the quantities involved. Suppose we have an equation between any number of physical quantities. Then the sum of the dimensions in each term of one side of the equation in length, time, and mass respectively must be equal to the corresponding sums on the other side of the equation. For suppose that the dimensions in length of one side of the equation differed from the corresponding dimensions on the other side of

the equation; then, on altering the unit of length, the two members of the equation would be altered in different ratios and would be no longer equal; this however would be clearly absurd; for two quantities which are equal must have the same measures whatever (the same) unit is used. For example, if two sums of money are the same, their measures must be the same whether we express the amounts in pounds, shillings, or pence.

**178.** Much information may be often easily obtained by considering the dimensions of the quantities involved. Thus the time of oscillation of a simple pendulum (which consists of a mass  $m$  tied by means of a light string of length  $l$  to a fixed point) may be easily shewn to vary as  $\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$ . For, assuming the time of oscillation to be independent of the arc of oscillation, the only quantities that can appear in the answer are  $m$ ,  $l$ , and  $g$ . Let us assume the time of oscillation to vary as  $m^a l^\beta g^\gamma$ .

The dimensions of this quantity expressed in the usual way are

$$[M]^a [L]^\beta \left\{ \frac{[L]}{[T]^2} \right\}^\gamma,$$

or 
$$[M]^a [L]^{\beta+\gamma} [T]^{-2\gamma}.$$

Now the answer is necessarily of one dimension in time, and of none in mass, or length. Hence we have

$$a = 0, \beta + \gamma = 0, \text{ and } -2\gamma = 1.$$

$$\therefore \gamma = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \beta = \frac{1}{2},$$

and the time of oscillation therefore  $\propto \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$ . [Art. 157.]



**Table of Dimensions and Values of  
Fundamental Quantities.**

<i>Physical Quantity</i>	Dimensions in		
	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Time</i>
Volume density	1	- 3	
Surface density	1	- 2	
Line density	1	- 1	
Velocity		1	- 1
Acceleration		1	- 2
Force	1	1	- 2
Momentum	1	1	- 1
Impulse	1	1	- 1
Kinetic energy	1	2	- 2
Power or Rate of work	1	2	- 3
Angular velocity			- 1

*Values of "g."*

<i>Place</i>	<i>Ft.-sec. units.</i>	<i>Cm.-sec. units.</i>
The equator	32·091	978·10
Latitude 45°	32·17	980·61
Paris	32·183	980·94
London	32·191	981·17
North Pole	32·252	983·11

Length of the seconds pendulum at London

= 39·139 inches = 99·413 centimetres.

1 centimetre = ·39370 inches = ·032809 feet.

1 foot = 30·4797 centimetres.

1 gramme = 15·432 grains = ·0022046 lb.

1 lb. = 453·59 grammes.

1 dyne = weight of  $\frac{1}{981}$  gramme approx.

1 poundal = 13825 dynes.

1 foot-poundal = 421390 ergs.

## MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLES.

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1. A particle falls freely from the top of a tower, and during the last second of its motion it falls  $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the whole height; what is the height of the tower?

2. A man ascends the Eiffel Tower to a certain height and drops a stone. He then ascends another 100 feet and drops another stone. The latter takes half a second longer than the former to reach the ground. Neglecting the resistance of the air, find the elevation of the man when he dropped the first stone and the time it took to drop.

3. A bullet moving with a velocity of 1200 ft. per sec. has this velocity reduced to one-half after penetrating one inch into a target. Assuming the resistance to be uniform, how far will it penetrate before its velocity is destroyed?

4. Two scale-pans, each of mass 7 ozs., are connected by a light inextensible string which passes over a smooth pulley. If a mass of 5 ozs. be placed in one pan and one of 8 ozs. in the other, find the pressures of the masses on the scale-pans.

5. Two equal masses, attached by an inextensible weightless thread which passes over a light pulley, hang in equilibrium. Shew that the tension of the thread is unaltered when  $\frac{1}{n}$ th of its mass is added to one, and  $\frac{1}{n+2}$ th of its mass removed from the other.

6. A weightless string, of length  $a$ , with masses  $m$  and  $3m$  attached to its ends is placed on a smooth horizontal table perpendicular to an edge with the mass  $m$  just over the edge. If the height of the table above the inelastic floor be also  $a$ , shew that the mass  $3m$  will strike the floor at a distance  $a$  from the mass  $m$ .

7. A particle falling under gravity describes 100 feet in a certain second; how long will it take to describe the next 100 feet, the resistance of the air being neglected?

If owing to resistance it takes .9 sec., find the ratio of the resistance (assumed to be constant) to the weight of the particle.

8. The bob of a simple pendulum is held so that the string is horizontal and stretched, and is then let go. Shew that during the subsequent motion the tension of the string varies as the vertical distance of the bob below its initial position.

9. A particle hanging vertically from a fixed point by means of a string of length  $r$  is projected horizontally with velocity  $\sqrt{6gr}$ . Shew that the tension of the string when the particle is at the end of a horizontal diameter is to its tension when the particle is at the highest point as 4 : 1.

10. A locomotive engine draws a load of  $m$  lbs. up an incline of inclination  $\alpha$  to the horizon, the coefficient of friction being  $\mu$ . If, starting from rest and moving with uniform acceleration, it acquires a velocity  $v$  in  $t$  seconds, shew that the average horse-power at which the engine has worked is  $\frac{mv}{1100} \left[ \frac{v}{gt} + \mu \cos \alpha + \sin \alpha \right]$ .

11. A body is thrown up in a lift with a velocity  $u$  relative to the lift and the time of flight is found to be  $t$ . Shew that the lift is moving up with an acceleration  $\frac{2u - tg}{t}$ .

12. The smoke from a steamer which is sailing due north extends in the direction E.S.E., whilst that from another sailing with the same velocity due south extends in the direction N.N.E.; shew that the wind blows in the direction N.E. with a velocity equal to that of the steamer.

13. A horse gallops round a circus, whose radius is 60 feet, with a velocity of 15 miles per hour; shew that the least value of the coefficient of friction between his hoofs and the ground is about  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

14. A slip-carriage is detached from a train and brought to rest in  $n$  minutes during which time it described a distance of  $s$  feet. Assuming the retardation to be uniform, find the velocity with which the train was moving when the carriage was slipped.

15. A ship sailing south-east sees another ship, which is steaming at the same rate as itself, and which always appears to be in a direction due east and to be always coming nearer. Find the direction of the motion of the second vessel.

16. A perfectly elastic particle is projected with velocity  $v$  at an elevation  $\theta$ . A smooth plane passes through the point of projection and is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon. Shew that the particle will return to the point of projection provided  $\cot \alpha \cot (\theta - \alpha)$  is an integer.

17. A particle moves from rest in a straight line with alternate acceleration and retardation of magnitudes  $f$  and  $f'$  during equal intervals of time  $t$ ; at the end of  $2n$  such intervals prove that the space it has described is  $\frac{nt^2}{2} [(2n+1)f - (2n-1)f']$ .

18. A particle is placed upon a rough horizontal plate (coefficient of friction  $\mu$ ) at a distance  $a$  from a vertical axis about which the plate can rotate; find the greatest number of revolutions per minute which the plate can make without the particle moving relatively to the plate.

19. A cannon ball has a range  $R$  on a horizontal plane. If  $h$  and  $h'$  are the greatest heights in the two paths for which this is possible, prove that  $R = 4\sqrt{hh'}$ .

20. Find the greatest angle through which a person can oscillate on a swing, the ropes of which can just support twice the person's weight when at rest.

21. Two masses,  $m$  and  $m'$ , are connected by a string of given length passing through a small smooth ring which turns freely about a vertical axis. The particle  $m'$  is made to rotate with angular velocity  $\omega$  in a horizontal circle, so that the particle  $m$  remains at rest hanging freely from the ring. Shew that the distance of  $m'$  from the ring is  $\frac{mg}{m'\omega^2}$ .

22. Two inelastic balls of equal size, but of masses  $m$  and  $m'$ , lie in contact on a smooth table. The former receives a blow in a direction through its centre making an angle  $a$  with the line of centres. Shew that the kinetic energy of the balls is

$$\frac{m'(m+m'\sin^2 a)}{m(m'+m\sin^2 a)}$$

of what it would have been if the balls had been interchanged and  $m'$  had received the blow.

23. A heavy particle projected with velocity  $u$  strikes at an angle of  $45^\circ$  an inclined plane of angle  $\beta$  which passes through the point of projection. Shew that the vertical height of the point struck above the point of projection is  $\frac{u^2}{g} \frac{1 + \cot \beta}{2 + 2 \cot \beta + \cot^2 \beta}$ .

24. An elastic body is projected from a given point with a given velocity  $V$  and after hitting a vertical wall returns to the point from which it started. Shew that the distance of the point from the wall must be less than  $\frac{e}{1+e} \frac{V^2}{g}$ , where  $e$  is the coefficient of restitution.

25. Two particles, of masses  $m$  and  $m'$ , are moving in parallel straight lines at a distance  $a$  apart with given velocities  $v$  and  $v'$ ; the particles are connected by a string of such a length that at the instant when it becomes taut it is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the two parallel straight lines; assuming that  $v > v'$ , shew that the impulsive tension on the string at the instant it tightens is  $\frac{mm'}{m+m'}(v-v')\cos\alpha$ .

26. A smooth wedge, of mass  $M$ , is placed on a horizontal plane and a particle, of mass  $m$ , slides down its slant face which is inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon. Shew that the acceleration of  $m$  relative to the plane face is  $\frac{M+m}{M+m\sin^2\alpha} \cdot g \sin\alpha$ .

27. A particle is placed on the face of a smooth wedge which can slide on a horizontal table; find how the wedge must be moved in order that the particle may neither ascend nor descend. Also find the pressure between the particle and the wedge.

28. A particle, of mass  $m_1$ , is fastened to one end of a string, and one of mass  $m_2$  to the middle point, the other end of the string being fastened to a fixed point on a smooth horizontal table. The particles are then projected so that the two portions of the string are always in the same straight line and so that the particles describe horizontal circles; shew that the tensions of the two portions of the string are as

$$2m_1 + m_2 : 2m_1.$$

29. At one end of a light string passing over a small fixed pulley a weight of 3 lbs. is suspended and a light pulley is suspended at the other end. Over this pulley another light string passes with weights of 2 lbs. and 1 lb. suspended at its ends. The whole system is let go from a position of rest; find the pressure on the fixed pulley while the system is moving and find the acceleration of the greatest weight.

30. In a system of three movable weightless pulleys in which all the strings are attached to a beam, the highest string after passing over a fixed pulley has a mass of 3 lbs. attached to it, and the lowest pulley has a mass of 28 lbs. hung on to it. Shew that the larger mass will descend with an acceleration of  $\frac{g}{55}$ .

31. Two straight railways converge to a level crossing at an angle  $\alpha$ , and two trains are moving towards the crossing with velocities  $u$  and  $v$ . If  $a$  and  $b$  are the initial distances of the trains from the crossing, shew that their least distance apart will be

$$\frac{(av - bu) \sin \alpha}{\sqrt{u^2 + v^2 - 2uv \cos \alpha}}.$$



32. If the distance between two moving points at any time be  $a$ , if  $V$  be their relative velocity, and if  $u$  and  $v$  be the components of  $V$  respectively in and perpendicular to the direction of  $a$ , shew that their distance when they are nearest to one another is  $\frac{av}{V}$ , and that the

time that elapses before they arrive at their nearest distance is  $\frac{au}{V^2}$ .

33. Two particles, of masses  $M$  and  $M + m$ , are connected by a light string and placed near one another on a smooth table; on the string slides a light smooth pulley, supporting a mass  $M$ , which is placed just over the edge of the table; find the resulting acceleration of the pulley.

34. In the system of pulleys where each string is attached to the bar which supports the weight, if there be two movable pulleys of negligible mass and the power be quadrupled, shew that the weight will ascend with acceleration  $\frac{3g}{29}$ .

35. A string, one end of which is fixed, has slung on it a mass of 3 lbs. and then passes over a smooth pulley and has a mass of 1 lb. attached to its other end; shew that the larger mass descends with acceleration  $\frac{g}{7}$  and that the tension of the string is  $1\frac{2}{7}$  lbs. wt.

36. A cyclist, riding at a speed  $V$ , overtakes a pedestrian who can move at a speed not greater than  $v$ , the two travelling along parallel tracks at a distance  $d$  apart. Shew that if the cyclist rings his bell when at a distance less than  $\frac{V}{v}d$ , he may safely maintain his speed and keep to his course regardless of the behaviour of the pedestrian.

37. A boy throws a stone into the air with velocity  $V$  at an elevation  $\alpha$ ; after an interval of time  $\frac{2VV' \sin(\alpha - \alpha')}{g[V \cos \alpha + V' \cos \alpha']}$  he throws another with velocity  $V'$  at an elevation  $\alpha'$ ; shew that the second stone will strike the first.

38. A shot, of mass  $m$ , penetrates a thickness  $t$  of a fixed plate of mass  $M$ ; if  $M$  be free to move, and the resistance be supposed uniform, shew that the thickness penetrated is  $\frac{M}{M+m}t$ .

39. A string sustains a mass  $P$  at one end, then passes over a fixed pulley, then under a movable pulley to which a mass  $R$  is attached, and then over a fixed pulley and is attached to a mass  $Q$  at its other end. Assuming the masses of the string and pulleys to be negligible, and that the parts of the string not in contact with the pulleys are vertical, find the acceleration of  $R$  and the tension of the string.

40. A wedge of mass  $M$  can slide on a smooth horizontal plane, and the wedge has a face inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal. Initially the wedge is at rest and a particle of mass  $m$  is projected directly up the inclined face. If the particle rise to a height  $h$  above the point of projection, shew that the velocity of projection is

$$\left\{ 2gh \frac{M+m}{M+m \sin^2 \alpha} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

41. A particle is at rest on a rough plane (coefficient of friction  $\mu$ ) inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\alpha$ . The plane is moved horizontally with a constant acceleration  $f$  in a direction away from the particle; prove that the particle will remain at rest relative to the plane if  $f < \frac{\mu g \cos \alpha - g \sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha + \mu \sin \alpha}$ .

42. A regular hexagon stands with one side on the ground and a particle is projected so as just to graze its four upper vertices. Shew that the velocity of the particle on reaching the ground is to its least velocity as  $\sqrt{31}$  to  $\sqrt{3}$ .

43. In order to raise a weight which is half as much again as his own a man fastens a rope to it and passes the rope over a smooth pulley; he then climbs up the rope with an acceleration relative to the rope of  $\frac{6g}{7}$ . Shew that the weight rises with acceleration  $\frac{g}{7}$ , and find the tension of the rope.

44. A wedge of mass  $M$  and angle  $\alpha$  can move freely on a smooth horizontal plane; a smooth sphere of mass  $m$  strikes it in a direction perpendicular to its inclined face and rebounds. Shew that the ratio of the velocities of the sphere just before and just after the impact is

$$M + m \sin^2 \alpha : eM - m \sin^2 \alpha,$$

where  $e$  is the coefficient of restitution.

45. Over a smooth light pulley is passed a string supporting at one end a weight of mass 4 lbs. and at the other a pulley of mass 1 lb. A string with masses 2 lbs. and 3 lbs. attached to its ends passes over the second pulley; shew that the acceleration of the 4 lbs. mass is  $\frac{9g}{49}$ .

46. A string, of natural length  $a$ , is stretched on a smooth table between two fixed points at a distance  $na$  apart and a particle of mass  $m$  is attached to the middle point of the string; the particle is then displaced towards one of the fixed points through a distance not exceeding  $\frac{n-1}{2}a$  and then liberated; shew that it will perform oscillations in a period which is independent of  $n$  and of the distance through which it is displaced.

47. If the unit of kinetic energy be that of 5 lbs. which has fallen 50 feet from rest, the unit of momentum the momentum thus generated, and the unit of length the distance through which the particle has fallen, find the unit of time.

48. A particle  $P$  moves in a circle, of which  $OA$  is a diameter, and  $OY$  is drawn perpendicular to the tangent at  $P$ . Shew that the velocity of  $Y$  relative to  $P$  is equal to the velocity of  $P$ .

49. Two men, of masses  $M$  and  $M+m$ , start simultaneously from the ground and climb with uniform vertical accelerations up the free ends of a weightless inextensible rope which passes over a smooth pulley at a height  $h$  from the ground. If the lighter of the two men reach the pulley in  $t$  secs., shew that the heavier cannot get nearer to it than  $\frac{m}{M+m} \left[ \frac{gt^2}{2} + h \right]$ .

50. A train, of mass  $M$ , is travelling with uniform velocity on a level line; the last carriage, whose mass is  $m$ , becomes uncoupled and the driver discovers it after travelling a distance  $l$  and shuts off steam. Shew that when both parts come to rest the distance between them is  $\frac{M}{M-m} l$ , if the resistance to motion be uniform and proportional to the weight, and the pull of the engine be constant.

51. A small smooth pulley of mass  $M$  is lying on a smooth table; a light string passes round the pulley and has masses  $m$  and  $m'$  attached to its ends, the two portions of the string being perpendicular to the edge of the table and passing over it so that the masses hang vertically; shew that the acceleration of the pulley is

$$\frac{4mm'}{M(m+m') + 4mm'} g.$$

52. Shew that, if the effect of a horizontal wind on a projectile be an acceleration  $f$  in the direction of the wind and the effect of the resistance of the air be neglected, the latus-rectum of the path of a particle projected with velocity  $v$  at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon in the same vertical plane as the direction of the wind is

$$\frac{2v^2 (g \cos \alpha + f \sin \alpha)^2}{(f^2 + g^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

53. A particle lies on a smooth horizontal table at the foot of a smooth wedge of angle  $\alpha$  and height  $h$ , and the wedge is made to move along the table with constant acceleration  $f$ . If  $f > g \tan \alpha$ , prove that the particle will ascend the plane. Shew also that if the wedge moves in this way for time  $t$ , and then moves with constant velocity equal to that gained, the particle will just reach the top if

$$t^2 = \frac{2gh \sec \alpha}{f(f \cos \alpha - g \sin \alpha)}.$$

54. Weights of 10 and 2 lbs. hanging by vertical strings balance on a wheel and axle. If a mass of 1 lb. be added to the smaller weight, find the acceleration with which it will begin to descend, and the tension of each rope, neglecting the mass of the wheel and axle.

55. In the differential wheel-and-axle  $c$  is the radius of the wheel, and  $a$  and  $b$  the radii of the two parts of the axle. A weight  $P$  attached to the wheel-rope just keeps the system in equilibrium; if  $P$  be doubled, prove that it descends with acceleration

$$g \times \frac{2c}{a - b + 4c},$$

the mass of the wheel and axle being neglected.

56. A perfectly elastic particle is projected with a velocity  $v$  in a vertical plane through a line of greatest slope of an inclined plane of elevation  $\alpha$ ; if after striking the plane it rebounds vertically, shew that it will return to the point of projection at the end of time

$$\frac{6v}{g[1 + 8 \sin^2 \alpha]^{\frac{1}{2}}}.$$

57. Two pulleys, each of mass  $m$ , are connected by a string hanging over a smooth fixed pulley; a string with masses  $2m$  and  $3m$  at its ends is hung over one pulley, and one with masses  $m$  and  $4m$  over the other. If the system is free to move, shew that the acceleration of either pulley is  $\frac{4g}{25}$ .

58. A rough vertical circle, carrying a bead, turns in its own plane about its centre with uniform angular velocity greater than

$$\sqrt{\frac{g}{a} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{\mu^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}},$$

where  $a$  is the radius and  $\mu$  is the coefficient of friction. Shew that the bead will never slip.

59. A particle is projected along the inside of a vertical hoop from its lowest point with such a velocity that it leaves the hoop and returns to the point of projection again. Find the velocity of projection and determine where the particle leaves the hoop.

60. A particle which hangs from a fixed point by a string of length  $a$  is projected horizontally from the position of equilibrium with a velocity due to a height  $a + b$ . If  $2b < 3a$ , shew that the string will be loose for a time  $t$  given by the equation

$$27ga^2t^2 = 32b(9a^2 - 4b^2).$$



61. A heavy particle is attached to one end of an elastic string, the other end of which is fixed. The modulus of elasticity of the string is equal to the weight of the particle. The string is drawn vertically down till it is four times its natural length, and then is let go. Shew that the particle will return to this point in time

$$\sqrt{\frac{a}{g}} \left[ 2\sqrt{3} + \frac{4\pi}{3} \right],$$

where  $a$  is the unstretched length of the string.

62. Two men,  $A$  and  $B$ , each of mass  $m$ , sit in loops at the ends of a light flexible rope passing over a smooth pulley,  $A$  being  $h$  feet higher than  $B$ . In  $B$ 's hands is placed a ball, of mass  $\frac{m}{10}$ , which he instantly throws up to  $A$ , so that it just reaches him. Prove that by the time  $A$  has caught the ball he has moved up through the distance  $\frac{2}{15}h$ , and that he will cease ascending when he has ascended a total height of  $\frac{59}{151}h$ .

63. A smooth ring, of mass  $M$ , is threaded on a string whose ends are then placed over two smooth fixed pulleys with masses  $m$  and  $m'$  tied on to them respectively, the various portions of the string being vertical. The system being free to move, shew that the ring will remain at rest if

$$\frac{4}{M} = \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{m'}.$$

64. A particle, of mass  $m$ , is placed on the face of a smooth wedge, of mass  $M$ , which moves along a smooth horizontal table being pulled horizontally by a string which, after passing over a smooth pulley carries a mass  $M'$  hanging vertically, the motions being all in a vertical plane passing through a line of greatest slope. Shew that the acceleration of  $m$  relative to the wedge is

$$\frac{(M + M' + m) \sin \alpha + M' \cos \alpha}{M + M' + m \sin^2 \alpha} g,$$

where  $\alpha$  is the inclination of the face. Find also the pressure of  $m$  on the wedge.

65. A smooth wedge is free to move on a horizontal plane in the direction of the projection of the lines of greatest slope and is held whilst a particle is projected up its face in a direction inclined to the lines of greatest slope, and is then immediately released. Shew that the track of the particle on the plane is a parabola.

66. A perfectly elastic ball is thrown from the foot of a plane inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the horizon. If after striking the plane at a distance  $l$  from the point of projection it rebounds and retraces its former path, shew that the velocity of projection is

$$\sqrt{\frac{gl(1 + 3 \sin^2 \alpha)}{2 \sin \alpha}}.$$



67. A heavy mass  $M$ , which can slide along a straight horizontal bar is attached to a fixed point at a distance  $c$  from the bar by a spiral spring of natural length  $a$  less than  $c$  such that a mass  $m$  hung on to it will stretch it by a length  $e$ ; shew that the time of a small oscillation of  $M$  along the bar, when it is slightly disturbed, will be

$$2\pi \left\{ \frac{Mec}{mg(c-a)} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

68. A railway carriage is travelling on a curve of radius  $r$  with velocity  $v$ ; if  $h$  be the height of the centre of inertia of the carriage above the rails (which are at the same horizontal level) and  $2a$  be the distance between them, shew that the carriage will upset if

$$v > \sqrt{\frac{gra}{h}}.$$

69. A wedge of mass  $M$  rests with a rough face in contact with a horizontal table and with another face which is smooth inclined at an angle  $\alpha$  to the table. The angle of friction between the wedge and the table is  $\epsilon$ . A particle of mass  $m$  slides down the smooth face. Find the condition that the wedge may move; and prove that, if it move, its acceleration is

$$\frac{m \cos \alpha \sin (\alpha - \epsilon) - M \sin \epsilon}{M \cos \epsilon + m \sin \alpha \sin (\alpha - \epsilon)} g.$$

70. A window is supported by two cords passing over pulleys in the frame-work of the window (which it loosely fits), the other ends of the cords being attached to weights each equal to half the weight of the window. One cord breaks and the window descends with acceleration  $f$ . Shew that the coefficient of friction between the window and frame-work is  $\frac{g-3f}{g+f} \cdot \frac{a}{b}$ , where  $a$  is the height and  $b$  the breadth of the window.

## ANSWERS TO THE EXAMPLES.

### I. (Pages 11—13.)

4. 100 feet.
5.  $120^\circ$ .
7. At an angle  $\cos^{-1}(-\frac{3}{5})$ , *i.e.*  $126^\circ 52'$  with the current; perpendicular to the current so that his resultant direction makes an angle  $\tan^{-1}\frac{4}{3}$ , *i.e.*  $59^\circ 2'$ , with the current.
8.  $4\sqrt{3}$  miles per hour; 12 miles per hour.
9. At an angle of  $150^\circ$  with  $AB$  produced; it will strike  $X$  at right angles at the end of fifteen minutes.
10. At an angle of  $\cos^{-1}(-\frac{1}{2})$  with the direction of the car's motion.
11.  $\sqrt{29}$  at an angle of elevation of  $\tan^{-1}\frac{2}{5}$  with a horizontal line which is inclined at  $\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{3}$  north of east.
12.  $(\sqrt{3}-1)u$ ;  $(\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2})\frac{u}{2}$ .
13.  $60^\circ$ .
14. 14 at an angle  $\cos^{-1}\frac{1}{4}$  with the greatest velocity.

### II. (Pages 17—19.)

1. 55 ft. per sec. at an angle  $\tan^{-1}(-\frac{3}{4})$  with the direction of the train's motion.
2. 20 miles per hour at an angle  $\tan^{-1}\frac{3}{4}$  west of north.
3. 15 miles per hour north-east.
4. 10 miles per hour towards the south-east.
5. 39 miles per hour in a direction  $\cos^{-1}\frac{5}{13}$  north of east.
6.  $32\frac{2}{3}$  miles per hour.
7.  $2\sqrt{2}$  miles per hour at  $45^\circ$  to the vertical.
8.  $7\sqrt{5-2\sqrt{2}}$  miles per hour. Draw  $OA$  ( $=14$ ) towards the east and  $OB$  ( $=7$ ) towards the south-east and complete the parallelogram  $OABC$ . Then  $OC$  is the required direction.
10.  $5\frac{1}{3}$  secs.
12. At 12.45 p.m.; 15.9 miles.
13. 24 minutes; 6 miles.
14.  $2\frac{1}{3}$  ft. per sec. at  $\tan^{-1}\frac{3}{4}$  with  $BA$ ; 3 feet at the end of  $1\frac{2}{3}$  seconds.
16.  $4\sqrt{2}$  miles per hour towards the south-east.
17. Towards the east.
18.  $3v$  and  $v$ .

III. (Pages 21—23.)

1.  $\frac{20\pi}{3}$  radians per sec.    2.  $8\pi$  radians per sec.;  $50\frac{1}{2}$  ft. per sec.
3.  $\frac{\pi}{300}$  ft. per sec.;  $\frac{\pi}{1800}$  radians per sec.    4.  $1 : 20 : 360$ .
5.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles per hour.    6.  $\frac{D-d}{D}V$ .    8.  $\frac{3a\pi}{u}$ .
10.  $60\sqrt{3}$  ( $=103.9$ ) miles per hour at  $\pm 30^\circ$  to the horizon.
11.  $\frac{88}{3}$  radians per sec.; 30 miles per hour.
12. 22 radians per sec.; 30 miles per hour.
13. 20 miles per hour; 10 miles per hour at  $\pm 60^\circ$  to the horizon;
- 10  $\sqrt{3}$  miles per hour at  $\pm 30^\circ$  to the horizon.

IV. (Pages 24, 25.)

2. 5 miles per hour in a direction  $\tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3}$  north of west.
3. 5 ft. per sec. at  $120^\circ$  with its original velocity.
4.  $20\sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2}}$  ft. per sec. towards N.N.W.
5. 12 ft. per sec. at  $120^\circ$  with its original direction.

V. (Pages 31, 32.)

1. (1) 17 ft. per sec.;  $47\frac{1}{2}$  feet.    (2) 0;  $24\frac{1}{2}$  feet.  
(3)  $-\frac{4}{3}$ ;  $1\frac{7}{11}$  secs.    (4) 3 ft. per sec.; 6 secs.
2. 40 ft. per sec.; 400 feet.    3. 40 secs.
4. 20 ft.-sec. units.    5. 10 secs.; 150 cms.
6. In 50 secs.; 25 metres.    7. 18 ft.-sec. units.
8. 10 ft. per sec.;  $-\frac{1}{2}$  ft.-sec. unit.
9. 19 ft. per sec.; 3 ft.-sec. units;  $60\frac{1}{2}$  ft.
10. 5 secs.;  $12\frac{1}{2}$  ft.    11. 16 ft.-sec. units; 30 ft. per sec.
12. 30 ft. per sec.;  $-2$  ft.-sec. units.    13. 30 ft.
14.  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{3}$ , and  $\frac{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}{3}$  secs. respectively.
15. In 2 secs. at 16 ft. from O.    16. Yes.
17. Its displacement is  $\sqrt{61+42\sqrt{2}}$  ft. at an angle  $\tan^{-1} \frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{3}$  north of east.

## VI. (Pages 36, 37.)

1. 25 ft.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. and  $2\frac{1}{4}$  secs.
2. (i) In  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.; (ii) in  $1\frac{1}{4}$  secs.    3. In  $1\frac{1}{4}$  and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  secs.; 50 ft.
4. (1) 1600 ft.; (2)  $\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{10}$  sec.    (3) 60 ft. per sec. upwards.
5. 432 ft.    6. 44 secs.    7. 2 secs. or  $5\frac{1}{2}$  secs
8. 545 cms. per sec.;  $\frac{4}{3}$  sec.    9. 10.2 secs.
10. 218 metres;  $6\frac{2}{3}$  secs.    11. 32.18.
12. 900 ft.;  $7\frac{1}{2}$  secs.    13. 100 ft.
14. 400 ft.    15. 144 ft.
16. 256 ft. per sec.; 1024 ft.
17.  $t=5$ ; 64 ft. per sec.    18. 784 ft.
19. 1120 ft. per sec.    20. 150 ft.

## VII. (Page 39.)

1. 200 ft.; 5 secs.    2.  $16\sqrt{3}$  ft. per sec.;  $\frac{5}{3}\sqrt{3}$  secs.
3.  $30^\circ$ .    4. 1 : 4.
5. (1)  $-89\frac{3}{8}$  ft.;  $-60\frac{1}{8}$  ft. per sec.  
(2)  $217\frac{3}{8}$  ft.;  $92\frac{1}{8}$  ft. per sec.
6.  $30^\circ$ .    7.  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{4}$ , i.e.,  $75^\circ 31'$ .

## VIII. (Pages 44—46.)

1. 4080 ft.    2. 1 sec.;  $1\frac{1}{2}$  secs.    3. 96 ft. per sec.; zero.
4. The first will have fallen through one-quarter of the height of the tower.
5.  $\frac{3h}{8}$ .    6.  $\sqrt{gh}$ ,  $\sqrt{gh}$ , and 0, where  $h$  is the height of the plane.
7. At the end of time  $\frac{1}{g}(u + \frac{1}{2}gt)$  from the starting of the first particle and at a height of  $\frac{1}{2g}(u^2 - \frac{1}{2}g^2t^2)$ .
8. 15 secs.    9. 96 ft.    10. 196 ft.; 112 ft. per sec.
11. The parts are 32, 96, and 160 feet; 3 secs.
19.  $\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} \operatorname{cosec} \alpha \sec \beta$ .    20.  $\sqrt{fs \left(3 - \frac{1}{n}\right)}$ .
24.  $\frac{3}{2}$  ft.-sec. units;  $\frac{1}{2}$  ft.-sec. units; 40 miles per hour.
25. 60 miles per hour; 44 secs.; 1936 ft.; 8 secs.

## IX. (Pages 54—56.)

4. (1)  $\frac{1}{2}$ , (2)  $\frac{g}{2}$ , (3)  $\frac{g}{448}$  ft.-sec. units.
5. (1) 200 poundals; (2)  $6\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. wt.
6. 15 lbs. wt. 7.  $15\frac{3}{8}$  lbs. wt.
8. 48 ft.-sec. units; 720 ft. 9. 1 : 64; 5 ft. per. sec.
10.  $7\frac{1}{2}$  secs.;  $13\frac{1}{8}$  ft. per sec. 11. 2 min. 56 secs.
12. 14 secs. 14. 180 feet.
15.  $363\frac{1}{8}$  cms. per sec.;  $181\frac{1}{8}$  cms.; 21800 cms.
16. 49.05 kilogrammes. 17. 144 lbs.
18. 12 lbs. 19.  $71\frac{1}{8}$  lbs. wt.;  $237\frac{3}{8}$  lbs. wt.
20. They are equal. 21. 110 lbs. wt.
24.  $133\frac{1}{8}$  ft. per sec.

## X. (Pages 66—68.)

1.  $\frac{g}{5}$ ;  $7\frac{1}{8}$  lbs. wt. .
2. (1) 4 ft.-sec. units; (2)  $7\frac{7}{8}$  lbs. wt.; (3) 20 ft. per sec.; (4) 50 ft.
3. (1)  $10\frac{3}{8}$  ft. per sec.; (2)  $21\frac{1}{8}$  ft.; (3) 640 and -512 ft. respectively.
4. 18 ft.;  $15\frac{3}{4}$  oz. wt. 6. By 2 lbs. wt.
7.  $\frac{2P}{3}$ . 8.  $\frac{m}{2}$ . 9. 16 ft.
10. (1)  $\frac{g}{10}$ ; (2)  $\sqrt{5}$  secs.; (3)  $\frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5}$  ft. per sec. 11. 2 secs.
12. (1) 2 ft.-sec. units; (2)  $21\frac{1}{8}$  lbs. wt.; (3) 6 ft. per sec.; (4) 9 ft.
13.  $\frac{3-2\sqrt{2}}{7}g$ ;  $\frac{1}{4}(\sqrt{2}+1)$  sec. 14. 40 ft.
15. 24 lbs. 10 ozs. 16. 5 ozs. 17. In ratio 19 : 13.
18.  $2\frac{1}{2}$  and  $3\frac{1}{8}$  lbs. wt.;  $\frac{g}{6}$ . 19. 29 ft. 9 ins. nearly.

## XI. (Pages 71—73.)

1.  $1\frac{1}{8}g$ ; 3. 2. 40.6 ft. per sec.; 96 feet.
3. .1. 4.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$  sec.;  $8\sqrt{2}$  ft. per sec.
5.  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{5}$  secs.;  $\frac{1}{8}\sqrt{5}$  ft. per sec.
6.  $16\sqrt{5}$  ft. per sec.; 80 ft. per sec.



8. The larger mass descends with acceleration  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}-3}{9}g$ .
9. The particles do not move.
10.  $2117\frac{1}{2}$  ft.
11. 605 : 18.
12. (i) 5 min. 8 secs.; (ii) 6776 feet.
13. 1 min.  $42\frac{2}{3}$  secs.; 2258 $\frac{2}{3}$  feet.
14.  $5\frac{2}{3}$  tons' wt.
15. 1 mile 1408 yds.
16.  $1224\frac{2}{3}$  yds.
17.  $411\frac{6}{11}$  feet.
18.  $5\frac{1}{6}$  tons' wt.; 1 in 77 about.

XII. (Pages 78—81.)

1. Zero.
2. (i) 20 lbs. wt.; (ii)  $20\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. wt.
3. 154 lbs. wt.; 70 lbs. wt.
4.  $\frac{g}{8}$ .
5.  $2057\frac{1}{2}$  ft.
6.  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. wt.;  $\frac{5}{12}$  lb. wt.;  $\frac{1}{3}$  lb. wt.
7.  $3\frac{1}{4}$  ozs. wt.;  $\frac{g}{4}$ ;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ozs. wt.; 3 ozs. wt.
8. 938 ton's wt.
9.  $1260\frac{5}{12}$  poundals.
10. 7521 lbs. wt. nearly.
13. 10 hang vertically.
14. 3 : 5.
16. 80 feet.
18.  $6\frac{7}{8}$  tons.
21. 2 : 1.
22. 1.9 ... secs.
23.  $\frac{3WP}{W+4P}$ .
24.  $m$  goes up with acc.  $\frac{3g}{13}$ ;  $M$  goes down with acc.  $\frac{g}{13}$ .
26.  $M = \frac{4mm'}{m+m'}$ ; the acc. is  $\frac{m-m'}{m+m'}g$ .
27.  $\frac{8}{25}$  ft.-sec. units.
28.  $\frac{8}{25}g$ .
29. 320 feet; 28 miles per hour.

XIII. (Page 86.)

1.  $4\frac{2}{3}$  ft. per sec.
4.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ft. per sec.
5.  $17\frac{2}{3}$  ft. per sec.
6. 6.8 ... ft.
7.  $9\frac{2}{3}\frac{2}{3}$  tons' wt.
8. 1431 ft. per sec. nearly.

XIV. (Pages 88, 89.)

1. 160.
2.  $213\frac{1}{3}$ .
3.  $119.4\dot{6}$ .
4. 14.685 lbs. wt.
5.  $21\frac{2}{3}$ .
6.  $68\frac{6}{136}$ .
7. 7,392,000 ft. lbs.;  $7.4\dot{6}$  H.-P.
8. 152 ft. lbs.

## XV. (Page 93.)

1. (i) 5120, (ii) 1280, (iii) 0, units of kinetic energy.
2. 15625. 3.  $125 \times 10^9$ .
4.  $625 \times 10^{10}$ ;  $3125 \times 10^8$ . 5.  $3160\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{2}$  ft. lbs.

## XVI. (Pages 96—98.)

3. 896000 units of impulse; 4 ft. 4.  $\frac{5}{7}$  ft.
5. 7.997 cms. per sec.; 40775 grammes' wt. nearly.
6. Wt. of 104 cwt.
7. The masses move with a velocity of 24 ft. per sec.
8.  $\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{6}$  ft. per sec.;  $\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{30}$  ft. per sec.
11.  $\frac{u}{g}$ , where  $u$  is the common velocity. 13. 7 ft.;  $26\frac{1}{2}$  secs.
14. The velocities become ultimately equal.
16.  $\cdot 16\dot{9} : 1$ . 17.  $20\sqrt{2}$  ft. per sec.; 560,000 ft.-lbs.
18.  $11\frac{2}{3}\frac{1}{2}$  tons' wt.; 28, 233,  $333\frac{1}{3}$  ft.-lbs.
19.  $11\frac{6}{13}\frac{3}{7}$  tons. 21. 3520 ft.-lbs.
22.  $10\frac{1}{3}\frac{3}{8}$ . 23.  $\frac{88Rn}{E}$ .

## XVII. (Pages 106, 107.)

1. (1) 16 ft.; 2 secs.; 110.9 ft.; (2) 75 ft.; 4.33 secs.; 173.2 ft.;  
(3) 134.4 ft.; 5.795 secs.; 144 ft.; (4) 225 ft.;  $7\frac{1}{2}$  secs.; 1200 ft.
2. 72 ft.;  $112\frac{1}{2}$  ft.;  $312\frac{1}{2}$  ft. 3.  $7812\frac{1}{2}$  ft.;  $1953\frac{1}{2}$  ft.
4. 3.88 secs.; 60 ft. 6.  $1333\frac{1}{3}$  ft. per sec. 7.  $2h$ ;  $2\sqrt{gh}$ .
8. 50.1 at  $\tan^{-1} \frac{4}{3}$  ( $=28^\circ 36'$ ) to the horizon.
9. (1)  $16\sqrt{17}$  ( $=65.97$ ) ft. per sec. at  $\tan^{-1} 4$  ( $=75^\circ 58'$ ) with the horizon.
- (2)  $16\sqrt{37}$  ( $=97.32$ ) ft. per sec. at  $\tan^{-1} 6$  ( $=80^\circ 32'$ ) with the horizon.
10. 5543 yards nearly. 11. 13 secs.; 3328 ft.
13.  $40\sqrt{6}$  ( $=97.98$ ) ft. per sec. at  $45^\circ$  to the horizon.
14.  $80\sqrt{110}$  ( $=839.04$ ) ft. per sec.;  $48\sqrt{110}$  ( $=503.4$ ) ft. per sec.
15.  $1 : \sqrt{3}$ ;  $1 : 1$ . 17. (1)  $45^\circ$ ; (2)  $30^\circ$ . 18.  $15^\circ$  or  $75^\circ$ .

## XVIII. (Page 112.)

1. 2500 yards; 21.7 secs.
2. At a distance  $\frac{V^2}{48}(\sqrt{3}-1)$ ;  $\frac{V^2}{48}$ .
3. 62.5 ft. nearly;  $\frac{2}{3}(3\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{6})$ , i.e., 1.2 secs. nearly; 85 $\frac{1}{2}$  ft.
4. (1) 16000 ft.; (2) 112000 ft.
5. 11716 ft. and 27 secs. nearly; 10718 ft. and 25.9 secs. nearly; 19048 ft. and 34.4 secs. nearly; 14444 $\frac{2}{3}$  ft. and nearly 30 secs.
6. 2929 yards nearly; 17071 yards nearly.
8. 266 $\frac{2}{3}$  ft.; 1385.6 ft.

## XIX. (Page 115.)

1. A circle of about 91 miles radius.
2. About  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{16}$  (i.e. 5° 43') to the horizon.
3. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  ft.; 9.185... ft.
4. About 121 ft.
5. In  $\frac{1}{20}$ th sec. at a point whose horizontal and vertical distances from the first gun are 47.63... and 27.46 ft.
8. 30°.
14.  $2\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} \cos \alpha$ .
15. The rifle must be pointed at the balloon; the bullet will strike the body when it has fallen 16 ft.
18. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.
19. 5.6 ft.; 29.32 ft.
20. 272 $\frac{1}{4}$  ft.; 324 ft.; 225 ft.
21.  $\frac{u}{g}(\sin \alpha \pm \cos \alpha)$  secs., where  $u$  is the velocity, and  $\alpha$  the angle, of projection.
23. 80 ft. per sec.

## XX. (Page 124.)

1. 7.29 ft.
6.  $2\sqrt{13}$  (=7.2) ft. per sec. at  $\tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$  (=16° 6') with the plane.
8. (1)  $4\sqrt{43}$  (=26.2) ft. per sec. at  $\tan^{-1} \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$  (=52° 25') with the plane;
- (2)  $20\sqrt{2}$  (=28.3) ft. per sec. at  $\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4}$  (=36° 52') with the plane;
- (3)  $4\sqrt{57}$  (=30.2) ft. per sec. at  $\tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$  (=23° 25') with the plane.

## XXI. (Page 130.)

1.  $4\frac{3}{4}$  and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ft. per sec.
2.  $3\frac{3}{4}$  and  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ft. per sec.
3. The first remains at rest; the second turns back with a velocity of 6 ft. per sec.
8.  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
9. (1) The masses are as 3 : 1; (2) the velocities are as 1 : 2.
11. 5.66... and 2.5 secs.
17.  $5\sqrt{5u}$  ( $=u \times 11.180...$ ) at  $\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$  ( $=26^\circ 34'$ ), and  $\sqrt{205u}$  ( $=u \times 14.318...$ ) at  $\tan^{-1} \frac{3}{4}$  ( $=12^\circ 6'$ ) with the line of centres.

## XXII. (Page 136.)

3. 60 ft.; 3.464 secs.
4. 8 secs.; 443.4 ft.
6. At a distance  $h$  from the foot of the tower.
9. At a point distant  $\frac{1}{18}$ th of the circumference from the starting point.
16.  $4el \sin^2 a \cos a$ .
17.  $2\sqrt{3} ne (1+e)$  ft
19. Draw  $BN$  perpendicular to the vertical plane, and produce to  $C$  so that  $BN=e$ .  $CN$ ; the required direction is then  $AC$ .

## XXIII. (Page 145.)

1. 60 poundals.
2. 28.6.
3. 48.3.
5. 24 ft. per sec.
6. About 13.4.
7.  $1\frac{1}{16}$  tons' wt.
8. 2.42 tons' wt.

## XXIV. (Page 150.)

1. About 5.66 lbs. wt.; about 8.24 ft. per sec.
4. 12 ft. per sec.
6. 4.9 inches.
7. 3.02 inches.
8. 6.18 inches.
10.  $60 \sqrt{\frac{g}{\pi^2}}$  = about 108.
13. 371 : 369 : 370.
16.  $m(g - 4\pi^2 n^2 b)$  poundals;  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{g}{b}}$ .
18.  $\sqrt{2gc}$ .
19.  $mv^2 : m'v'^2$ .
20.  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{mg}{m'(c-a)}}$ .
21. It must be reduced to one quarter of its original value.
22.  $1 : \sqrt{2}$ ;  $\frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{2\sqrt{2}-2}$  secs.
23.  $\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{m} \frac{r(r-a)}{a}}$ .

XXV. (Page 159.)

1. (1) 20·8 ft. per sec.; 22·6 lbs. wt. (2) 15·5 ft. per sec.; 7·6 lbs. wt.
2. 21·9 ft. per sec.; 30 lbs. wt. 3.  $8\sqrt{3}$  ft. per sec.;  $3mg$ .
4. (1) 24 ft. per sec.; (2)  $12\sqrt{2}$  ft. per sec.; (3)  $8\sqrt{3}$  ft. per sec.; 12 ft. per sec.
5. 6 times the wt. of the particle; 40 ft. per sec.
6. 448 ft. per sec.; wt. of 9 cwt.; wt. of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.
9.  $\frac{1}{2}\frac{2}{7}$  of the radius of the circle.
10.  $\frac{d}{81}$  and  $\frac{16d}{81}$ , where  $d$  is the diameter of the circle.
11.  $e = \frac{1}{2}$ . 13.  $7\sqrt{3m}$  lbs. wt.;  $5\sqrt{3m}$  lbs. wt.
14.  $\frac{1}{8}\sqrt{ga(187 + 11\sqrt{2})}$ .

XXVI. (Page 166.)

1. (1)  $\frac{1}{2}\pi\sqrt{2}$  secs.; (2)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  secs.; (3) 1 sec.
2.  $2\sqrt{2}$ ,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , and  $\pi$  ft. per sec.
3. (1)  $\pi$ , (2)  $32\pi$ , and (3) 2 ft. per sec.
4. 3·46 ft. per sec. 5.  $\pi$  secs.; 20 ft.-sec. units.
7. 25 centimetres nearly.

XXVII. (Page 169.)

1. 20·4 ft. 3. 32·249.
4. (1) 9·78 ins.; (2) 2·445 ins.; (3) 156·48 ins. 5. 330.
7. 32·16... 8. 77756 nearly.

XXVIII. (Page 175.)

1. 32·185. 2. 1·00046 : 1. 3. About 215.
4. It must be shortened by ·008 inch.
5. It must be lengthened by ·0045 inch.
6. 432. 7. 55. 8. 991.
9. It loses about 10 secs. 10. 1630 yards; 5 secs.
11. 1·0005 : 1; 1·852 miles. 12. 10·8 secs.; about ·01 inch



## XXIX. (Page 183.)

1. 88 ft. per sec.;  $\frac{7}{8}$  ft.-sec. units.
2. 1320 ft. per sec.; 330 ft.-sec. units.
3. 880 yards;  $\frac{1}{12}$  ft.-sec. units.
5. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet. 6. 88 yds.
8. (1) 8, (2)  $\frac{1}{12}$ , (3) 384000. 9. 3511303.
10. 126 $\frac{1}{12}$ . 11. 11 secs.

## XXX. (Page 188.)

1. 40 $\frac{1}{2}$  poundals. 2. 1 poundal; 10 foot-poundals.
3.  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 5. 8800 yards; 300 secs.;  $54\frac{6}{11}$  tons.
6. 342 $\frac{1}{2}$  yards. 7. 400 ft.; 90 lbs.
8. 11 lbs. 10. 1 : 9; 1 : 3; 2 : 15.
12.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 120^4$ ; 115200. 13.  $1\frac{9}{8}$  ft.;  $\frac{1}{8}$  sec.; 8 lbs.
14. 800 ft.; 5 secs.; 2 lbs. 15. 14112 yards; 21 secs.;  $1\frac{1}{28}$  lb.
16. 18·21... metres; 5·45 secs.; 4·30... grammes.
17. 1 mile; 8 minutes; 99 $\frac{1}{7}$  tons.
18. 600 ft.; 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  secs.; 1200 lbs.
19. 2 $\frac{1}{3}\frac{1}{4}$  miles; 15 $\frac{3}{4}$  minutes; 88 tons. 20.  $g$  lbs.

# MISCELLANEOUS EXAMPLES [Pages 193—202].

1. 144 feet.                      2. 576 feet; 6 secs.                      3.  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch.

4.  $7\frac{1}{8}$  oz. wt.;  $5\frac{5}{8}$  oz. wt.                      7.  $\cdot 77 \dots \text{sec.}$ ;  $217 : 162$ .

14.  $\frac{s}{30\pi}$ .                      15. South-west.                      18.  $\frac{30}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\mu g}{a}}$ .

20.  $60^\circ$  on each side of the vertical.

27. With an acceleration  $g \tan \alpha$  toward the side on which the particle is; sec  $\alpha$  times the weight of the particle.

29.  $54\frac{1}{7}$  lbs. wt.;  $\frac{g}{17}$ .                      33.  $\frac{2M+m}{6M+5m} g$ .

39.  $g \left( \frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{Q} - \frac{4}{R} \right) \div \left( \frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{Q} + \frac{4}{R} \right)$ ;  $4g \div \left( \frac{1}{P} + \frac{1}{Q} + \frac{4}{R} \right)$ .

43.  $1\frac{2}{7}$  times the weight of the man.

47.  $\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{2}$  secs.                      54.  $\frac{5g}{17}$ ;  $2\frac{2}{17}$  lbs. wt.;  $10\frac{1}{17}$  lbs. wt.

59.  $\sqrt{\frac{7ag}{2}}$ ; at the point where the radius makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the horizon.

64.  $mg \cos \alpha \frac{M + M' - M' \tan \alpha}{M + M' + m \sin^2 \alpha}$ .

69. The coefficient of friction must be  $< \frac{m \cos \alpha \sin \alpha}{M + m \cos^2 \alpha}$ .

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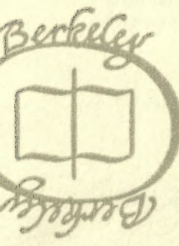
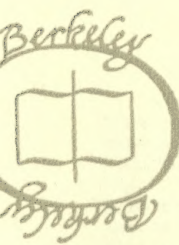
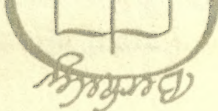
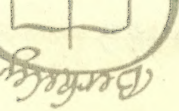
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